



Suggested Schedule To Earn An Associate Degree

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) with an emphasis in Psychology. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to take alternate courses not listed below please meet with a North advisor to confirm you're still meeting AA degree requirements.

Before You Start

- Pre-College Math or ABE (if needed).
- Pre-College English, ABE or ESL (if needed).

To Do

- Apply for Financial Aid or other funding before your first quarter. Visit the Financial Aid Office to explore how to pay for college.
- Transfer previous college credits to [North](#).
- Explore placement options: take the math and English placement test if needed.
- Attend New Student Orientation.

Year One

Credits

Quarter 1 (Fall)

- Integrated Studies Requirement
ENGL& 101 English Composition I
PSYC 245 Social Psychology..... 10
- MATH& 141 Precalculus I 5

Quarter 2 (Winter)

- PSYC& 100 General Psychology 5
- SOC& 101 Introduction to Sociology or
ANTH& 206 Cultural Anthropology 5
- MATH& 142 Precalculus II 5

Quarter 3 (Spring)

- PSYC 222 Survey of Physiological Psychology or
PSYC& 220 Abnormal Psychology..... 5
- ENGL& 102 Composition II..... 5
- CMST& 205 Multicultural Communication or
HUM 105 Intercultural Communication or
any VLPA class with the US Cultures designation..... 5

Year Two

Quarter 4 (Fall)

- PSYC& 200 Lifespan Psychology or
PSYC 230 Human Sexuality 5
- World Language I 5
- MUSC 110 Introduction to World Music or
HUM 140 Transnational Cinema 5

Quarter 5 (Winter)

- PSYC 209 Fundamental of Psychological Research 5
- BIOL 128 Survey of Human Anatomy & Physiology 5
- World Language II or
PSYC 210 Personality & Individual Differences..... 5

Quarter 6 (Spring)

- PSYC 217 Introduction to Probability & Statistics 5
- ENV& 101 Intro to Environmental Science Lab or
NUTR& 101 Nutrition or
HEA 150 Health & Human Sexuality 5
- World Language III or
CMST& 220 Public Speaking 5

Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to discuss your goals and explore Integrated Studies options.
- Visit the Student Learning Center for tutoring.
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and career services.
- Drop by the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.

Quarter 2

- Create an educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship and other scholarships.

Quarter 3

- Take PSYC 222 if transferring to the University of Washington or PSYC& 220 if transferring to Western Washington University.
- Attend Undergraduate Research Festival at University of Washington.
- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs.
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.

Quarter 4

- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Contact and visit Psychology department at potential universities.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.

Quarter 5

- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Apply to participate in the Undergraduate Research Festival at the University of Washington.

Quarter 6

- Apply for graduation for the AA-DTA degree with your assigned advisor.
- Check in with university for transfer plan.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join alumni association.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.

Total Credits Required: 90



About the AA-DTA With An Emphasis In Psychology Pathway

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) with an emphasis in Psychology. Completion of this degree opens doors to entry level employment in many sectors including non-profit, social work, healthcare, education, business, and government. It also allows you to transfer at the junior level into a Psychology program at a four-year college or university.

Students in this pathway develop an awareness of human behavior and thinking that will serve them in both personal and professional capacities. Other skills that are developed in psychology are: scientific literacy in reading and writing, critical thinking, familiarity with research, interpersonal awareness, group communication and collaboration, problem solving skills, information-finding skills, and time management. Competencies in these areas consistently rank at the top of employer wish lists.

Career Opportunities

- Career Counselor
- Criminal Investigator
- Educator
- Management Consultant
- Human Resources Specialist
- Corrections Officer
- Community Organizer
- Social Services Aide
- News or Technical Writer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Research Assistant
- Preschool Teacher
- Investment Fund Manager
- Volunteer Coordinator

A Bachelor's degree or higher may be required for some careers listed above. For current employment and wage estimates, please visit www.bls.gov/oes.

Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the AA-DTA degree, additional education opportunities include:

- A Bachelor of Arts or Science degree in Psychology, or a related field at a four-year college or university.
- A Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree at one of the Seattle Colleges.

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University. Psychology graduates from North have also transferred to out-of-state institutions.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.

Class Times/Delivery Format?

North Seattle College offers day or evening courses: on-campus, hybrid (part on-campus, part online), or online communications Monday-Friday.

Find Out More

Visit northseattle.edu/programs/psychology to learn more about this pathway, or contact the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Languages Area of Study advisor at northseattle.edu/advising/contact or [206-934-3658](tel:206-934-3658).

Length of Program

90 credits = 9 quarters if you take 10 credits each term.

Students who take 15 credits each quarter may earn their degree faster, qualify for more financial aid, and earn more money over their lifetime because they complete their schooling faster.

Which quarter can I begin?

Any.

Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1555
International Students.....	\$3297.95
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees	\$475

**Please note that these costs are estimates and may vary.*

Apply for Financial Aid and Other Funding

All students in need should apply for financial aid – do not assume you are not eligible! Visit <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid> to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back.