



FROM: Dr. Laurie Daily, Dean; School of Education & Director of Graduate and Continuing Education

RE: Augustana University / The Connecting Link Graduate Courses

DATE: September 10, 2026

The purpose of this letter is to verify that all of the courses offered via Augustana's partnership with The Connecting Link are designed specifically for graduate level continuing education purposes to help educators stay current in their field and meet certification needs.

A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for registration. The Connecting Link courses are transcribed as graduate courses by Augustana University and are critically evaluated by our School of Education. Up to nine (9) credits of The Connecting Link courses can be applied to the Master in Education OR Master of Special Education K-12 degree programs at Augustana University, consistent with our policy of allowing up to nine (9) graduate credits to be transferred into a graduate program.

The academic advisor and Director of the Graduate Education programs must agree that the courses are relevant to the student's area of concentration or required electives. Enrollment in individual courses for graduate credit does not constitute enrollment in a graduate degree program. Course completion is documented with a letter grade and posted in semester graduate credits on an official college transcript. Augustana is accredited the Higher Learning Commission.

Thank you for your interest in taking graduate level education courses from Augustana University.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laurie Daily'.