



Grand Rapids
Community College

Early Childhood General and Special Education: Birth through Kindergarten Program Agreement

Western Michigan University

Early Childhood General and Special Education: Birth through Kindergarten, B.S.

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Child Development, A.A.A.S. with MTA

Catalog Year 2025 – 2026

I. GRCC REQUIRED COURSES FOR PATHWAY DEGREE WITH EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATION, A.A. (63 Credits)		
GRCC Course	WMU Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
EN 101 ^{MTA}	ENGL 1050 (WES Level I: Writing)	3
MA 124 ^{MTA}	MATH 1140 (WES Level I: Quantitative Literacy)	4
EDU 118*	FCS 2140 (and ED 2002 will be waived)	4
EDU 105	FCS Credit	3
COM 131 ^{MTA} or COM 135 ^{MTA}	COM 1040 (WES Level I: Oral and Digital Communication) or COM 1700 (WES LII: Personal Wellness)	3
EN 250 ^{MTA}	ENGL 3890	3
SCI 201 ^{MTA}	SCI 1600 (WES Level II: Science and Technology)	4
EDU 212*	EDU 212 + EDU 227 = ED 3090	3
EDU 227*	EDU 212 + EDU 227 = ED 3090	4
EDU 210*	FCS 3140	4
EDU 230*	ED Credit (substitute EDU 210 + EDU 230 for SPED 3360)	4
EDU 215	FCS Credit	3
EDU 280	ED 3002	3
EDU 285	ED 4002	2
EDU 205* or EDU 218*	LS 4150 or ED 5750	3 – 4
Humanities General Education Elective from a subject other than EN (English) ^{MTA}	See GRCC advisor for options	3 – 4
Social Sciences General Education Electives (2) from two (2) different subject areas ^{MTA}	See GRCC advisor for options	6 – 8
Natural Science with Lab General Education Elective ^{MTA}	See GRCC advisor for options	4 – 5
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT GRCC		63 TRANSFERABLE CREDIT HOURS

Courses and general education electives that could satisfy the MTA at GRCC have the ^{MTA} designation after them. Students must complete a minimum of 30 approved MTA credits and pass those with a C or better to satisfy the MTA.

Admission into WMU's Early Learning and Intervention program has a requirement of a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Table I courses with an * must be completed with a B- or better at GRCC to satisfy program requirements at WMU.

All other courses must be completed with a C or better to be considered for transfer to WMU.

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II. WMU REQUIRED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION: BIRTH THROUGH KINDERGARTEN (B.S.) (60 Credits)		
WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
MATH 1520	Early Math Reasoning (need C or better)	3
LS 2900*	Early Literacy	3
SPED 2270*	Foundations of Inclusion	3
FCS 2170*	Diverse Children, Families & Communities (WES Level II: Societies and Cultures)	3
Courses below require prior admission into the upper level of the professional education program:		
ED 2011*	Elementary Education Science Methods I: Investigative Practices	3
ED 3141*	Infant & Toddler Learning Environments	3
ED 3690*	Foundations of Social Emotional Learning and Guidance, 3-6	3
ED 3691*	Clinical Experiences in PK Settings	3
ED 4071*	Teaching Grades PK-3: Social Studies	3
ED 5750*	Administration of Child Development Centers (this may be satisfied by EDU 218 at GRCC)	0 – 3
FCS 4150*	Parenting Roles, Relationships, & Partnerships	3
LS 4150*	Foundations of Literacy (this may be satisfied by EDU 205 at GRCC)	0 – 3
LS 4170*	Literacy Instruction for Emergent Literacy	4
SPED 3370*	Assessment and Instruction in ECSE	3
SPED 4133*/4177*	Seminar and Intern Teaching ECSE	2/10
WMU Essential Studies (WES)		
WES Level III: Local and National Perspectives ^{LNP}	ES 3950: School and Society is recommended. See WMU advisor for other options.	3 – 4
WES Level III: Global Perspectives ^{GP}	Varies. See WMU advisor for options.	3 – 4
Electives	Elective credits will be needed to reach the 60-credit minimum requirement at a 4-year University. See WMU advisor for options.	1 – 2
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT WMU		60 CREDIT HOURS

Table II courses with an * must be completed with a CB or better at WMU.

^{LP} satisfies WMU Essential Studies (WES) Level III Local and National Perspectives requirement.

^{GP} satisfies WMU Essential Studies (WES) Level III Global Perspectives requirement.

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TOTAL CREDITS (I - II)
63 GRCC Credits
60 WMU Credits
123 Total Credits

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Program Agreement

This agreement shall commence as of August 1, 2025. This program agreement shall abide by all language of the Institutional Agreement between Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University.

The BS in Early Childhood General and Special Education: Birth through Kindergarten prepares educators for work in a variety of early care and classroom settings serving infants through kindergarten age children. Following completion of the curriculum, graduates will be eligible for credentialing as early childhood/early childhood special education (ZN) teachers under MDE regulations.

All education students are coded Pre-Education upon admission to Western Michigan University (WMU). Candidates must apply for advancement to the Early Learning and Intervention professional program. Students will be permitted to enroll in upper-level professional education courses once admission requirements have been met and the upper-level application has been submitted and approved. To ensure a seamless transfer, GRCC students will need to meet these requirements and submit their upper-level application prior to enrolling in their first semester at WMU. Students should meet with an Academic Advisor in WMU's College of Education and Human Development Advising Office to discuss professional level admission requirements upon applying to WMU.

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*Please Note: The signed version of the document is kept on file in the GRCC Instructional Support Office. For more information, please contact the Director of Transfer & Articulation Services at 616-234-3183.