

# PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Between

**Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)**

Associate of Arts, Pre-Birth to Kindergarten, A.A.

and

**Grand Valley State University (GVSU)**

Bachelor of Arts/Science, Education for Young Children, Birth to Kindergarten, General  
and Special Education, B.A./B.S.

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## I. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (65 credits)

GRCC Course	GRCC Course Title	GVSU Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
Core courses required for all Pre-Birth to Kindergarten students			
EN 101	English Composition I	WRT 150	3
EN 102	English Composition II		3
Varies*	Varies	Humanities MTA Option (choose 2)	varies
PY 201	General Psychology	PSY 101	3
HS 120 or HS 121	World History to 1500 CE or World History since 1500 CE	HST 203 or HST 204	3
Varies	Varies	Natural Sciences MTA Option (choose 2)	varies
MA 107	Intermediate Algebra	MTH 110	4
Program Courses			
EDU 105	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	EDF 215	3
EDU 118	Human Growth and Development I	PSY 301 - substituting for PSY 305	4
EDU 210	Infant/Toddler Development	EDI 213	4
EDU 212	Observation, Documentation, and Assessment	EDI 211	3
EDU 215	Adult-Child Interaction	EDI 312	3

EDU 200 + EDU 118	Introduction to Education  Human Growth and Development I	EDF 115	3  [4]
EDU 205	Foundations of Early Literacy Instruction	ENG 201	4
EDU 227	Early Childhood Curriculum and Implementation	EDI 315	4
EDU 230	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education and Inclusion	EDS 214	4
MA 240	Geometry and Measurement for Elementary Teachers	MTH 126	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>			<b>65 CREDIT HOURS AT GRCC</b>
<b>*Optional selection of GVSU US Diversity and/or Global Perspectives Course. Please see an advisor for assistance in making selections.</b>			

<b>II. GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF ARTS/SCIENCE (129 credits)</b>		
<b>GVSU Course</b>	<b>GVSU Course Title</b>	<b>GVSU Credit Hours</b>
Required BK Courses		
EDI 216	Emergent Literacy for Birth to Kindergarten	3
EDI 342	Literacy Methods and Children's Literature for Birth to Kindergarten	5
EDI 343	Math and Science Methods for Birth to Kindergarten	3
EDI 340	Strategies for Infants and Toddlers, With and Without Disabilities and Delays	3
EDI 440	Strategies for Preschoolers and Kindergartners, With and Without Disabilities and Delays	3
EDS 316	Supporting and Responding to Diverse Families and Children Outside the Classroom	3
EDS 416	Integrating Social-Emotional Learning and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Across BK	3
Required College of Education and Community Innovation Courses		
EDI 317	Collaborating with Families and Professionals	3
EDF 260	Educational Research and Assessment: Foundations of Practice	3
EDF 315	Diverse Perspectives on Education	3
EDF 495	Capstone: Reflective Inquiry and Practice	3
Required College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses		

HPE 264	Methods of Teaching Early Childhood Movement and Health	2
STA 126	Statistics for Elementary Teachers	2
Required Clinical Apprenticeship and Internship Courses		
EDI 341	Clinical Apprenticeship with Infants and Toddlers	3
EDI 344	Field Experience in Kindergarten	1
EDI 441	Clinical Apprenticeship with Preschoolers	3
EDS 470	Directed Teaching in Early Childhood Developmental Delay	3
B.A. Requirements		
Foreign Language Courses	Varies	12
B.S. Requirements		
EDF 260	Educational Research and Assessment: Foundations of Practice	Taken above
EDF 495	Capstone: Reflective Inquiry and Practice	Taken above
MTH 126 & STA 126	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers & STA 126 - Statistics for Elementary Teachers	Taken above
B.S. Electives	Varies	9
General Education Requirements		
2 Issues Courses	Varies	6
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>64 CREDIT HRS AT GVSU</b>

<b>TOTAL CREDITS (I - II)</b>	
65 GRCC Credits	
64 GVSU Credits	
<b>129 Total Credits</b>	

### **Program Agreement**

This Program Agreement shall commence as of August 1, 2025. This Program Agreement shall adhere to all of the terms contained within the current Institutional Agreement between Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University. This Program Agreement shall

further adhere to the terms of any amendments to the Institutional Agreement unless stated therein or otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties.

**Signatures**

**Grand Rapids Community College**

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Sheila Jones, Provost and Executive  
Vice President of Academic and  
Student Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Valley State University**

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Sherril Soman, Dean  
College of Education and  
Community Innovation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amy Schelling, Associate Dean  
College of Education and  
Community Innovation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*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.

## **Advising Notes**

### **Bachelor of Science or Arts Degree Requirements at GVSU**

The following requirements apply to all undergraduate students:

1. A minimum of 120 semester hours
2. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.00
3. Graduation major GPA of at least 2.00
4. General education requirements
5. The last 30 semester hours toward a baccalaureate degree must be earned in Grand Valley courses
6. A minimum of 58 semester hours must be earned at a senior (4 yr) institution
7. A minimum of 12 Grand Valley earned semester hours must be included in the major (six for a minor)

#### **Notes:**

- Admission to GVSU requires a 2.50 cumulative transfer grade point average.
- EN 102 – English Composition II – must be graded at a “C” or above to receive specific WRT 150 credit in transfer.
- All Issues courses must be taken at GVSU.
- Students who wish to obtain a BA must fulfill 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language (201 level). The BS requirements are incorporated into the major requirements.
- The GVSU block tuition rate is 12-15 credits. Students will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15.