



Grand Rapids
Community College

Early Childhood General and Special Education & Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Grade 3 Program Agreement

Western Michigan University

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Pre-Early Childhood General and Special Education & Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Grade 3, A.A.

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I. GRCC REQUIRED COURSES FOR PRE-EARLY CHILDHOOD GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION & LOWER ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: BIRTH THROUGH GRADE 3, A.A. (64 Credits)		
GRCC Course	WMU Equivalent	Transferable Credit Hours
MTA Requirements		
EN 101	ENGL 1050	3
COM 131 or COM 135	COM 1040 or COM 1700	3
EN 250	ENGL 3890	3
Humanities General Education Elective from a subject other than EN (English)	See GRCC advisor for options	3-4
Social Sciences General Education Electives (2) from two (2) different subject areas	See GRCC advisor for options	6-8
SCI 201	SCI 1600	4
PH 111	PHYS 1000 (substitute for SCI 2070)	5
MA 124	MATH 1140	4
Total MTA Hours		30
EDU 118*	FCS 2140 (and ED 2002 will be waived)	4
EDU 200*	ED 2900	3
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 260*	LS 2900	3
EDU 285*	ED 4002	2
EDU 205*	LS 4150	4
EDU 218*	ED 5750	3
TOTAL GRCC CREDIT HOURS TRANSFERABLE TO WMU		64

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 Childhood General and Special Education + Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Third Grade professional program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

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 + LOWER ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: BIRTH THROUGH THIRD GRADE (B.S.) (69 Credits)		
WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
MATH 1520	Early Math Reasoning	3
SPED 2270*	Foundations of Inclusion	3
FCS 2170*	Diverse Children, Families & Communities	3
MATH 2530	Number & Computations I	3
ENGL 3690	Writing: Elementary School	3
MATH 2540	Number & Computations II	3
Courses below require prior admission into the upper level of the professional education program		
ES 3950*	School & Society ^{LNP}	3
ED 2011* (may change to ED 3011* in F26)	Elementary 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 4071*	Teaching Grades PK-3: Social Studies	3
ED 4300*	Creativity in the Elementary Classroom	3
FCS 4150*	Parenting Roles, Relationships, & Partnerships	3
ED 4012*	Elementary Science Methods 2: Pedagogical Apps	3
LS 4200*	Literacy Assessment & Instruction	2
LS 4210*	Literacy Assessment & Instructional Practice	1
SPED 3370*	Assessment and Instruction in ECSE	3
SPED 3371*	Field Experience in ECSE	3
ED 4501*	Pre-Internship PK-3	3
ED 4090*/4700*	Seminar and Intern Teaching [inclusive] ECE	2/10
WMU Essential Studies (WES) Requirement		
WES Level III: Global Perspectives	Varies; See WMU advisor for options.	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT WMU		69

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

TOTAL CREDITS (I - II)
64 GRCC Credits
69 WMU Credits
133 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 + Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Third Grade prepares educators for work in a variety of early care and classroom settings serving infants through children in third grade. Following completion of the curriculum, graduates will be eligible for credentialing as early childhood/early childhood special education (BK) and early elementary (PK-3) 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 Childhood General and Special Education + Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Third Grade 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.