

# PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Between

## Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

Associate of Arts, Pre-Pedagogical Content Knowledge for  
Elementary Teaching + Educational Studies, A.A.

and

## Grand Valley State University (GVSU)

Bachelor of Arts/Science, Pedagogical Content Knowledge for  
Elementary Teaching + Educational Studies, B.A./B.S.

### 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 Pedagogical Content Knowledge for Elementary Teaching + Educational Studies students			
EN 101	English Composition I	WRT Gen. Cr	3
EN 102	English Composition II	WRT 150	3
Varies*	Varies	Humanities MTA Option (choose 2)	varies
PY 201	General Psychology	PSY 101	3
Varies	Varies	Social Sciences MTA Option	3
PH 111 [or PC 101]	Physics of Everyday Life [General Physical Science]	Natural Sciences MTA Option – sub for SCI 226 [SCI 226]	5 [4]
SCI 201	Integrated Life Science	SCI 225	4
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	4
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 215	Adult-Child Interaction	EDI 312	3
EDU 260	Emergent Literacy	EDR 320	3
EXS 257	Health and Movement Education for Elementary Teachers	HPE 267	3
MA 226	Teaching Counting and Whole Number Operations	MTH 226	4
MA 227	Teaching Fractions and Decimals	MTH 326	4
MA 240	Geometry and Measurement for Elementary Teachers	MTH 126	3

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**

**65 CREDIT HOURS AT GRCC**

**\*Optional selection of GVSU US Diversity and/or Global Perspectives Course. Please see an advisor for assistance in making selections.**

**II. GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, B.A. or B.S. (82 credits)**

**COURSES REQUIRED AT GVSU**

GVSU Course	GVSU Course Title	GVSU Credit Hours
Required PCKET - PK-3 and 3-6 combined		
MUS 128 or ART 231	Strum and Drum for Everyone Integrating the Visual Arts Across Disciplines	3
ENG 355	Teaching English Learners, PK-6	3
MTH 328	Early Childhood Mathematics (PK-3)	3
MTH 428	Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades	1
ENG 301	Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom	3
ENG 401	Languages, Literacies, and Cultures	3
HST 209	History and Social Studies for Elementary Teachers	3
SST 308	Teaching Elementary Social Studies: Grades PK-3	3
SST 309	Teaching Elementary Social Studies: Grades 3-6	3
SCI 227	Integrated Life and Earth Science for 3-6 Teachers	3
STA 126	Statistics for Elementary Teachers	2
PCK 495	Integrated Discipline-based Research in the PK-6 Classrooms (Capstone)	3

Concentration Area - Select 1		
Math Concentration		
MTH 322	Geometry for Elementary Teachers	3
MTH 323	Probability and Statistics for Elementary Teachers	3
MTH 324	Algebraic Reasoning in Grades 3-9	3
English Language Arts Concentration		
ENG 215 or ENG 216 or ENG 231	Foundations of Literary Study: Genre Foundations of Literary Study: Critical Approaches Foundations of Language Study	3
ENG 215 or ENG 216 or ENG 261 or ENG 304 or ENG 334 or ENG Issues Course	Foundations of Literary Study: Genre Foundations of Literary Study: Critical Approaches Foundations of Language Study International Literature for Children and Young Adults American Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults Varies	3
ENG 215 or ENG 216 or ENG 261 or ENG Philosophy and Literature Gen. Ed. Course	Foundations of Literary Study: Genre Foundations of Literary Study: Critical Approaches Foundations of Language Study Varies	3
Integrated Science Concentration		
BIO 205	Genetics for PK-6 Teachers	3
CHM 201	Introduction to Chemical Sciences	3
SCI 420	Teaching Science in the 21st Century	3
Social Studies Concentration		
GPY 220 or GPY 235	Cultural Geography Geography for a Changing World	3
HST 205	American History to 1877	3
SST 311 or HST 301 or HST 302 or HST 312 or HST 314 or HST 315 or HST 318 or HST 320 or HST 323 or HST 328 or PLS 102 or PLS 203 or PLS 206	Data Literacy for Social Studies Teachers Colonial America Revolutionary America History of American Women African American History Latinos: The Forging of Ethnic Identities History of Democracy in America American Indians Michigan History U.S. Constitutional and Legal History Issues in U.S. Politics State Politics American Constitutional Foundations	3
Required Educational Studies Courses		

EDF 260	Educational Research and Assessment: Foundations of Practice	3
EDF 315	Diverse Perspectives on Education	3
EDI 317	EDI 317 - Collaborating with Families and Professionals	3
EDS 318	Teaching Students with Learning and Behavior Difficulties	3
EDS/EDR 323	Teaching Students with Language and Literacy Learning Difficulties	3
Clinical Apprenticeship Courses		
EDI 310	Building and Sustaining Positive Learning Environments	3
EDI 330	Elementary Apprenticeship PK-6	6
EDT 476	Teaching with Technology	3
Clinical Internship Courses		
EDI 430	Student Teaching, Elementary	10
EDF 495	Capstone: Reflective Inquiry and Practice	3
B.A. Requirements		
Foreign Language Courses	Varies	0-12
B.S. Requirements - Included in major courses		
General Education Requirements		
Issues Courses - If not taken above	Varies	0-6
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>82 CREDIT HRS AT GVSU</b>

<b>TOTAL CREDITS (I - II)</b>
65 GRCC Credits
82 GVSU Credits
<b>147 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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Tamara Shreiner, Program Coordinator  
Pedagogical Content Knowledge for  
Elementary Teaching

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

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Donovan Anderson, Interim Dean  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

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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:

Additional Electives may be chosen from the following:

- Social Studies Concentration: GE 210 or GE 135, HS 160
- Spanish Endorsement: SP 101, 102, 231, 232
- English Concentration: One (1) from EN 118, EN 233, EN 235, EN 237, EN 238, EN 242, EN 250, EN 251, EN 252, EN 261, EN 262, EN 270, EN 271, EN 272, EN 278, EN 281, EN 282, EN 284, EN 286

Elementary Certification at GVSU:

- Programs are approved by the Michigan Department of Education and accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
- Students will be able to choose concentration areas in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and/or Integrated Science.
- Additional endorsements may be added in English as a Second Language (ESL) K-12 or Spanish K-8.
- More information about the requirements for these programs can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/pcket](http://www.gvsu.edu/pcket)
- Students interested in K-12 Special Education certification will choose one of the grade bands listed above as well as the Special Education major.
- The College of Education and Community Innovation offers programs leading to a bachelor's degree and a Michigan Standard Teaching Certificate. Certification is available in lower elementary (PK-3), upper elementary (3-6), secondary education, and lower or upper elementary education with special education endorsement.

## Transfers from Michigan Community Colleges

Grand Valley State University is a member of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO), which has formulated an agreement between two- and four-year institutions. Students who transfer to Grand Valley and have fulfilled the MACRAO transfer agreement or the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) through a Michigan public community college have satisfied the Foundations categories of the General Education Program and one Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS) course. However, transfer students with a MACRAO or MTA will still need to complete the following requirements: one SWS course in their major or division, the General Education Program two-course Cultures requirement, and the two-course Issues requirement. For specific course information, please refer to [www.gvsu.edu/gened/](http://www.gvsu.edu/gened/)

## Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of 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. 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language (Bachelor of Arts only)
6. The last 30 semester hours toward a baccalaureate degree must be earned in Grand Valley courses
7. A minimum of 58 semester hours must be earned at a senior (4 yr) institution
8. A minimum of 12 Grand Valley earned semester hours must be included in the major (six for a minor)