

George Mason University BSEd in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Education

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at Virginia Community College				Complete at George Mason University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
General Elective: UNIV 100	1	SDV 100		Gen Ed: Upper Level Written Comm ENGH 302	3	
General Elective: ENGH ---	3	ENG 111		Major: ECED 201	0-3	Needed if CHD 120 is not completed
Gen Ed: Written Comm ENGH 101	3	ENG 112	Admission Requirement	Major: ECED 401	3	
Gen Ed: Arts	3	ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, MUS 101	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: ECED 402	3	
Gen Ed: Literature	3	ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275	ENG 250 recommended. Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: ECED 403	3	
Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Science	3	HIS 121 or HIS 122		Major: ECED 404	3	
General Elective	3	PLS 135		Major: ECED 411	3	Writing Intensive
Gen Ed: Global History	3	HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, or HIS 112	HIS 112 recommended. Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: Concentration coursework	27	See "What Should I Consider when Selecting Courses" section below for concentration options
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, ENV 121, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 241	Students must select two lab sciences in different disciplines	ECED 490, ECED 492, or ECED 493	12	Internship required; Apex
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, ENV 121, GOL 105, GOL	Students must select two lab sciences in different disciplines	Major: ECED 491	3	

		106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 241				
Gen Ed: Quant MATH 106	3	MTH 154	Admission Requirement			
Gen Ed: Oral Comm	3	CST 100 or CST 110				
General Elective: EDUC L302 or PSY 211	3	EDU 207 or PSY 230				
General Elective: EDUC 200	3	EDU 200				
General Elective: EDSE 201	3	EDU 250				
General Elective: EDUC L301	3	EDU 204				
Gen Ed: Info Tech ELED 257	3	EDU 280				
Gen Ed: Global Contexts	3	GEO 220				
General Elective	3	MTH 245				
General Elective	3	Any elective	Complete CHD 120 if supported by the AS degree to receive ECED 201 credit			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60-63		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Transfer Admission Requirements

- Transfer applicants must present a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA for regular admission. GAA applicants must present a minimum 2.85 GPA.
- VCCS applicants should complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 and one of the following math courses: MTH 154, 155, 157, 245, 261, 263 or 288
- For more information about Guaranteed Admission Agreement Requirements, visit: <https://www.vccs.edu/transfer-programs/>

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **Office of Transfer Services:** <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/office-transfer-services>
- **Admission Application:** By Oct 1 or March 1 at <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.gmu.edu/financial-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for Fall admission and October 1 for Spring admission at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college within your first year. College connect available in your account of www.TransferVirginia.org
- Most of the general education classes are also needed to fulfill Content Area Endorsement courses for licensure. Review those requirements here: <https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track/content-area-review/>.
- Connect with pre-education advisors at Mason prior to transfer: <https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track-office/team>.
- After you transfer to Mason, work closely with the Mason Early Childhood Education advisor regarding the courses you will need to take for your chosen concentration/pathway. Options include (a) Without Concentration (Non-Licensure), (b) Concentration in Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure), (c) Concentration in Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure), or (d) Concentration in Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure).

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- This program is for those who wish to work with young children, birth to age 8 (third grade), and their families who bring diverse cultural, racial, linguistic, ability, and socio-economic backgrounds to early childhood education settings.
- We offer daytime and evening classes in face-to-face, hybrid, and online formats. Students in this program can opt to attend part time or full time.
- A full-time internship will be required in the final semester. For those enrolled in a licensure concentration, this internship is student teaching in a public school.
- The licensure concentrations will require completion of state-mandated licensure exams, which must be passed prior to applying for student teaching internship.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Applicants are required to apply as freshman
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit by exam may be used to fulfill General Education and/or major requirements. See: <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy>
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first term of attendance at Mason.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in Fairfax within the National Capital Region. Mason enrolls 26,000 undergraduate students, in 80 in-demand majors, from 50 states and 130 countries.
- 4,000 new transfer students choose Mason each year. Mason is consistently ranked as one of the most diverse universities in the U.S.
- Transfer students are welcome to live among our 7700-student residential community or off-campus. The Office of Contemporary Student Services is dedicated to the support of off-campus transfers.

- 66% of Mason students receive financial aid
- 22 Division I men's and women's teams and 475+ student organizations
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- We also offer a bachelor's to accelerated Master's (BAM) option for Early Childhood Education.
- It is possible to earn both the BSEd and MED with concentration in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners or Early Childhood Special Education within an accelerated time frame.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at: TransferVirginia.org
- Obtain a Virginia license to teach Early/Primary Education PreK-3 and/or Early Childhood Special Education (Birth – Age 5).

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Our program has strong partnerships with multiple local school districts, private schools, early care and education centers, community and government agencies, and professional organizations.
- Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education teachers are in high demand; our graduates all find jobs in the field.
- Our student population is culturally, racially, and linguistically diverse.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Earn a master's degree later to specialize and expand your career options within the field.
- After teaching a few years, you can become a mentor teacher for the program if you stay in Northern Virginia.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students pursuing a licensure concentration must earn a C or better in all major courses and Content Area courses.
- Students pursuing a licensure concentration must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for licensure area. Students not pursuing licensure must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Students pursuing the Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Licensure should meet with a Mason Content Area Advisor prior to their first semester at Mason: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>