

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Years: 2024-2025

George Mason University BEd in Elementary Education

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Elementary 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: ELED 242	3	
Gen Ed: Written Comm ENGH 101	3	ENG 112	Admission Requirement	Major: ELED 305	3	
Gen Ed: Arts	3	ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, MUS 121	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: ELED 390	2	
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: ELED 391	1	
Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Science	3	HIS 121 or HIS 122		Major: ELED 401	3	
General Elective: GOVT 103	3	PLS 135		Major: ELED 402	3	
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: ELED 410	3	
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, ENV121, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY100, or PHY 241	Students must select two lab sciences in different disciplines	Major: ELED 411	3	
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, ENV121, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY100, or PHY 241	Students must select two lab sciences in different disciplines	Major: ELED 412	3	

Gen Ed: Quant MATH 106	3	MTH 154	Admission Requirement	Major: ELED 421	3	
Gen Ed: Oral Comm, COMM 100 or 101	3	CST 100 or CST 110		Major: ELED 443	3	
General Elective: EDUC L302 or PSYC 211	3	EDU 207 or PSY 230		Major: ELED 452	3	
General Elective: EDUC 200	3	EDU 200		Major: ELED 453	3	
General Elective: EDSE 201	3	EDU 250		Major: ELED 454	3	
Major: EDUC L301	3	EDU 204		Major: ELED 480	3	Apex
Major & Gen Ed: Info Tech ELED 257	3	EDU 280		Concentration Coursework	12	
General Elective: GGS 101	3	GEO 220		Major Elective	3	
General Elective: STAT 250	3	MTH 245				
General Elective	3	Any elective	Students should select an elective that will help them develop in content areas (social science, history, natural science, language arts, etc.) they find most challenging.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

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.
- Prior to applying, VCCS applicants must 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 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>.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Individuals interested in this program typically enjoy working with groups of elementary-aged children (PK – 6).
- This is a full-time, cohort-style program that requires a student to commit to full-time class load and field observations during the day along with a full year of student teaching in the last year. Working full-time is not an option for students in this program. Students who need more flexible scheduling options should pursue the Bachelor's to Accelerated Master's (BAM) for ELED or consider the BSED in Early Childhood Education (PK-3rd grade).
- A student must pass the state licensure exams prior to completing the 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 freshmen

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first term of attendance at Mason.
- **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>
- 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 Elementary Education. This program is more flexible in structure than the BSED and is therefore the best option for students who work full-time and/or need evening classes.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at: TransferVirginia.org
- Obtain a Virginia license to teach grades PK – 6.

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- We're a Professional Development School (PDS) program with strong partnerships with multiple local school districts.
- Elementary teachers are in high demand; our graduates all find jobs in the field.
- We have a high national ranking by US News & World Report.

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 must earn a C or better in all major courses and Content Area courses.
- Students must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for licensure area.
- Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal code of Virginia.
- Students are encouraged to request an initial Content Area Advisor(CAR) prior to transferring: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>
- Incoming students must also complete a cohort preference survey prior to enrolling in Mason courses. Contact the program advisor for details: <https://education.gmu.edu/elementary-education/bsed#advising>.
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