

James Madison University Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education*

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Elementary Education

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS					Complete at JMU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY
Course	Credits	Gen ED**	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNST 000	1		SDV 100 or 101		Any courses not completed before transfer, such as ISCI 172 or ELED 272		
WRTC 000	3	PUA	ENG 111	ENG 111+112 = WRTC 103 Required for Teacher Ed. admission	MATH 110	4	Math for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I-II
WRTC 103	3	UA	ENG 112		MATH 210	4	Fall Practicum, one day a week, 8:00am-3:30pm
JMU General Education and Teaching Licensure Requirements	3	PUA	ART 101, 102, MUS 121, 222, or CST 130		ELED 321	1	Practicum: Focus on Learners & Learning
	3	UA	Any Literature, ENG 250 preferred	ENG 250 = ENG 222	ELED 333	3	Children & Mathematics I
	3	PUA	HIS 121 or 122	= HIST 000 Meets state licensure requirements	ELED 332	3	Practicum: Focus on Curriculum Integration & Guiding Behavior
	3	PUA	GEO 210 or 220	= GEOG 280 or 200 Meets state licensure requirements	LED 350	3	Writing Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners
	4	PUA	BIO 101 or 106	BIO 101 = BIO 140 + 140L BIO 106 = BIO 103 + ISCI 104 (Either also fulfills ISCI 173)	ELED 322	1	Spring Practicum, one day a week, 8:00am-3:30pm
	3	PUA	MTH 154, 167, or MTH 161 and 162	Choose any. MTH 154 = MATH 103 MTH 167 = MATH 135+000 MTH 161+162 = MATH 135+000	ELED 343	3	Children & Mathematics II
	3	UA	CST 100 or 110	= SCOM 121 or SCOM 122	ELED 334	3	Children and Social Studies
	3		PSY 230	= PSYC 160 Required for Teacher Ed. admission	LED 300	3	Reading Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners
EDUC 200	3		EDU 200	20 hour field placement required	ELED 400	2	Final Practicum (1 credit each for 2 semesters)
EXED 200	3		EDU 250		ELED 450	3	Planning Instruction & Assessment
ELED 310	3		EDU 204	20 hour field placement required	LED 462	3	Disciplinary Literacy for Diverse Classrooms PK-6
					ELED 455	3	Home, School, Communities

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JMU General Education and Teaching Licensure Requirements	4	PUA	GOL 105, 106, or 110	GOL 105 =GEOL 110 GOL 106 =GEOL 110 GOL 110 = GEOL 102 (Any of the 3 also fulfill ISCI 171)	ELED 480	16	Student Teaching Elementary Ed (8 credits each for 2 semesters)
	3	PUA	MATH 155 or 245	= MATH 220	ELED 485	3	Guiding Student Behavior
	3	PUA	HIS 111 or 112	= HIST 101 or HIST 102	Electives if needed	0-3	To meet minimum 60 credits required from a 4-year institution
ELED 272	3		CHD 120	Both ELED 272 and 208 are required for the major. Completing them before transfer is recommended if they are offered at your community college or if you can take them online through a different Virginia community college.			
ELED 208	3		EDU 207				
Additional Major Requirements or Electives	3-4		Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MTH 195 Mathematics for Elem. Teachers at Blue Ridge and Laurel Ridge CC (=MATH 110 and satisfies a major requirement)• CHM 101 to fulfill ISCI 172, which is a third science requirement for the major• Finish the HIS 121+122 sequence (HIS 121+122 = HIST 225) or take PLS 135 (=POSC 225) to help with content knowledge for licensure				
VCLA Test: Students are strongly encouraged to pass the VCLA prior to transfer							
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 61					CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 61		

*This transfer guide reflects the requirements of JMU’s Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree with a major in Elementary Education. Current instructional assistants may be eligible to pursue an online Bachelor of Individualized Study (B.I.S.) degree with a concentration in Elementary Education. Course requirements may be different for the B.I.S. Learn more about the B.I.S. at <https://www.jmu.edu/coe/eere/eled-bis/index.shtml>. Both programs lead to teaching licensure in Elementary education, preK-6.

** **A** = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education Requirement. **U** = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement.

P = This course satisfies a Passport requirement.

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Admission into the Teacher Education Program in Elementary Education at JMU:

Students who meet the criteria below are eligible for admission to the Teacher Education program within JMU's College of Education. Admission is based on completion of requirements; it is not a competitive process. To have an opportunity to earn the B.S. in Elementary Education degree after two years at JMU, plan to complete all courses shown on this guide.

- Students must complete an approved transferable associate degree from their Virginia community college with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for guaranteed admission to JMU. Students who do not qualify for guaranteed admission are encouraged to apply to JMU through the regular admission process. For additional details about requirements for guaranteed admission, please see the JMU letter of intent for your community college: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml.
- The minimum JMU GPA to be accepted into the Teacher Education program at JMU is 2.5. Your GPA resets when you begin taking courses at JMU.
- Complete the following exams: VCLA Reading & Writing (composite score of 470). Math: ALEKS score of 46 or higher or one of the following substitute tests: Praxis Core Math 5733 (score of 150); ACT Math (score of 22); SAT Math (score of 560).
- Complete certifications and training: First Aid, AED, and in-person CPR training by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross; Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Training; Cultural Competency Training Module; Pre-professional Self-assessment
- QR code: Teacher Education Application pdf for the above requirements

Current instructional assistants who have earned or are working toward a transferable associate degree may be eligible to pursue the online Bachelor's of Individualized Study (B.I.S.) degree to become eligible for teaching licensure in Elementary education, preK-6. Course requirements may be different for the B.I.S. degree. Learn more at <https://www.jmu.edu/coe/eere/eled-bis/index.shtml>.



IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Students can notify JMU of their interest in transferring through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org. Transfer applicants from a VCCS institution intending to apply through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) must submit a Letter of Intent prior to applying. Requirements and forms are available at: <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-GAA.shtml>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for Fall or October 15 for Spring at <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/apply-online.shtml>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.jmu.edu/financialaid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Deadline is March 1. Learn more at studentaid.gov.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- If you have completed coursework required for the major through AP Test Credit, please reference this webpage to understand how credit will be awarded at JMU: <https://www.jmu.edu/registrar/prospective-student/test-credit.shtml>.
- Complete your first math and English courses in your first year. Create a plan for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and a JMU transfer advisor in your first year at community college.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Completion of this degree and program qualifies you for a teaching license in Virginia with an endorsement in Elementary education, preK-6.
- This degree is completed in person and allows students to have multiple experiences in schools prior to graduating and completing licensure requirements.
- During your junior year, there is a one-day a week practicum both semesters. Students have their own car and/or carpool.
- During your senior year, there is a practicum and a student teaching placement both semesters. Students have their own car and/or carpool. Seniors have the opportunity to student teach locally or in another area of Virginia.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** An approved transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College will waive general education requirements at JMU. The list of approved transferable associate degrees can be found at www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/asdegrees.shtml.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students who complete a transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College through Dual Enrollment will not be eligible for guaranteed admission but will receive the general education waiver at JMU. DE associate degree earners who want to make progress toward their intended major should follow the curriculum in this guide.

Credit for Prior Learning: Credit for prior learning may be awarded differently at JMU than at your previous institution. JMU accepts and reviews AP, IB CIE, and CLEP examinations for all students with eligible scores. JMU will complete an independent review of the test score to apply credit to your JMU student record. Other credit for prior learning is awarded on a per case basis for the ADP and RN-BSN programs in consultation with the department of expertise. Credit for learning acquired in military service is awarded by the registrar's office using the ACE guide credit recommendation for study/experience listed on the military transcript and in consultation with the department of expertise.

- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at JMU.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

JMU is a mid to large size institution that behaves more like a smaller institution. Faculty and staff hold students as the top priority. JMU has a 96% satisfaction rate, and 88% of classes have less than 50 students. JMU is the #1 most recommended public University in the US by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education; JMU is the #1 Best College for Employment in Virginia according to U.S. Department of Education statistics compiled by Zippia. JMU has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges. Learn more about our college at www.jmu.edu and www.TransferVirginia.org

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Half of the credits required for your JMU degree must come from a 4-year institution. In elementary education, 120 credits are required for graduation, so you'll need to complete 60 credits at JMU after transferring from a community college (unless you have credits from a different 4-year institution).
- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at JMU.
- Students who may be eligible for Virginia's Two-Year College Transfer Grant should transfer in the fall or spring immediately following the completion of their associate degree. Learn more about the state transfer grant here: <https://www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/two-year-college-transfer-grant>

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Earning a teaching license endorses you to teach grades PreK-6.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Even before they graduate, JMU ELED BS degree graduates are highly sought after by school districts across the Commonwealth and up and down the US East Coast. Since the early 1900s, we have been in the business of preparing future teachers to be leading contributors to the education professions and to the improvement of society. The ELED major program has many award-winning faculty and staff who prioritize student success. Over 99% of students who complete the program find employment as a K-6 elementary teacher in a public school. Over 95% of the ELED major students completing the senior level courses attain licensure. Our graduates are highly qualified to implement the best instructional practices that are inclusive and creative while promoting social justice for all learners.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Generally, two-thirds of transfer applicants are admitted to JMU. Competitive applicants will have mostly As & Bs and have completed at least one class in each of our four core areas (English, mathematics, lab science, and social science).
- JMU defines a transfer student as a student that has graduated from high school (or holds a GED equivalency) AND has taken courses in college after high school graduation.
- Learn more about applying at <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/> or www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Students pursuing an ELED major could declare any of the minors offered at JMU to customize your experience. Examples include educational media, special education, or TESOL. The ELED major will provide opportunities for practicum experiences in multiple grade levels and in diverse communities. Students will have a wide range of choices to participate in professional and/or student organizations such as KDP, (Kappa Delta Pi), Future Teachers of Color, ROTE (Raising an Organization of Trained Educators), and TEACH Ambassador.