

# Radford University Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: Early Childhood Special Education

**TRANSFER GUIDE**  
Catalog Years: 2025-2026

**Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Special Education**

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Radford University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Elective	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Electives	6	Recommended: EDUC 304, EDRD 314, EDSP 472, or EDUC 420
ENGL 111 Principles of College Composition	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		EDEC 321 Early Development and Learning: Infants and Toddlers	4	Fall only; has a required field component
General Education or Elective	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		EDEC 322 Early Development and Learning: Preschool	4	Spring only; has a required field component
General Education or Elective	3	ART 101 Hist of Art: Prehist to Gothic, ART 102 Hist of Art Ren to Modern, MUS 121 Music in Society, MUS 221 Hist of West Music Prior to 1750, MUS 222 Hist of West Music 1750 to Present, MUS 226 World Music, CST 130 Intro to Theatre, or CST 151 Film Appreciation		EDEC 423 Language Arts and Literature for Young Children	3	Spring only
ENGL 424 Children's Literature	3	Any UCGS Literature, ENG 250 Children's Lit preferred		EDSP 363 Language Development and Disorders in Infancy and Early Childhood	3	Spring only
HIST 111 U.S. History to 1865	3	HIS 121 U.S. History to 1877		EDSP 436 Teaching Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers with Disabilities	3	Spring only
GEOG 101 Europe and the Americas or 103 Introduction to Human Geography	3	GEO 210 People & the Land, GEO 220 World Regional Geography		EDSP 438 Program Management in Early Childhood Special Education	3	Spring only
General Education Lab Science	4	BIO 101 Gen Bio I, BIO 106 Life Science, GOL 105 Phys Geo, GOL 106 Historical Geo, or 110 Earth Systems		EDSP 439 Medical and Neurodevelopmental Aspects of Teaching Young Children with Disabilities	3	Fall only

MATH 121	3-5	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning preferred, MTH 161-162/167 Precalc I-II/Precalc with Trig		EDSP 451 Collaborative Consultation and Communication Skills for Special Education	3	
General Education or Elective	3	CST 100 Public Speaking or 110 Human Comm		EDSP 454 Educational Technology for Diverse Populations	3	
EDEF 300 Human Development and Learning: Birth to Adolescence	3	PSY 230 Dev Psych or EDU 207 Human Growth & Dev		EDSP 462 Proactive Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3	Fall only
EDEF 320 Introduction to Professional Education	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	20 hour Field Placement required	EDUC 415 Methods for Elementary Science and STEM Instruction	3	
EDSP 361 Introduction to Students with Diverse Learning Needs and the Special Education Process	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education		EDSP 440 Practicum in Early Intervention	3	Fall only, 20 hour per week, 7-week field placement required
EDUC 370 Introduction to Multicultural Education	3	EDU 204 Teaching in a Diverse Society	20 hour Field Placement required	EDEC 430 Practicum in Preschool	3	Fall only, 20 hour per week, 7-week field placement required
2nd Lab Science Requirement	4	BIO 101 General Bio I, BIO 106 Life Science, CHM 101 Intro Chem, ENV 121 Gen Environ Science, GOL 105 Physical Geology, GOL 106 Historical Geology, GOL 110 Earth Systems, PHY 100 Elements of Physics, PHY 141 (NAS 131) Astronomy: Solar System, or PHY 142 (NAS 132) Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	2nd science different subject than first	EDSP 437 Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation in ECSE	3	Fall only
Math 312 Elementary and Middle Grades Mathematics for Social Analysis	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or MTH 245 Statistics		EDSP 445 Methods for ECSE Mathematics	3	Fall only
HIST 101 World History to 1500 or HIST 102 World History Since 1500	3	HIS 101 Western Civ Pre-1600, HIS 102 Western Civ Post-1600, HIS 111 World Civ Pre-1500, or HIS 112 World Civ Post-1500		EDSP 450 Student Teaching in ECSE	9	Spring only, Full-time field placement required
HIST 112 U.S. History Since 1865	3	HIS 122 US History since 1865				
Electives	6	World Languages, Third science, Third Math, EDU 206 Classroom Management, EDU 280 Technology for Educators, EDU 270 Intro to Autism, EDU 120/MTH 120 Math for Elementary & Middle School Educators, or				

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Radford University and VCCS Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, students who complete the prescribed curriculum and meet the criteria below are guaranteed admission into Radford University.

- Earn a transferrable associate degree
- Earn a minimum of 2.8 cumulative GPA
- Good academic standing at current institution

Please visit the [TransferVirginia.org](https://www.transfervirginia.org) portal to find course requirements for different majors and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://admissions.radford.edu>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for priority fall admission and November 1 for priority spring admission at <https://www.radford.edu/admissions/apply/index.html>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.radford.edu/fin-aid> , FAFSA priority deadline March 1.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://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](http://www.TransferVirginia.org) .
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Radford University within your first year. College Connect available in your account of [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Yes, I want to work with young children.
- Yes, I want to work with young children who have a disability.
- Yes, I want to be an advocate for early learners with special needs.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy the REAL Curriculum (lower division/general education) requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students completing the associate degree in high school should apply using the freshman application. If admitted, the student will receive the benefits associated with the transferable associate degree (as noted above).
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Specific course credit will only be added to a student record once official scores are received and evaluated by the Office of Admissions. An official Joint Services Transcript should be sent for evaluation of specific military credit.
- **Catalog Year:** Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment at RU unless otherwise requested.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Main campus is located in the city of Radford and our Radford University Carilion campus is located in Roanoke. RU is well-known for strong faculty/student bonds, vibrant student life and a commitment to student support.
  - Situated in the stunning landscape of southwest Virginia, there are plenty of nearby opportunities to explore the outdoors.
  - With 70+ bachelor's degree programs across a variety of disciplines, the classes at Radford are hands-on and designed to help you prepare for your chosen career path.
  - Transfer students have the option to live on-campus or off-campus within the local area.
  - Over 80% of students receive some form of financial aid.
  - 16 Division I teams and 300+ student organizations.
- Learn more about our university at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- 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 Radford University?

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Educator preparation programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation Education Programs (CAEP).
- Educator preparation programs recognized among the Top Education Colleges for 2024 – 2025 by *Colleges of Distinction* for the fourth consecutive year.
- Available scholarship dollars annually for education majors: \$200,000+.
- 100% employment rate.
- Highly sought-after educators post-graduation.
- Multiple field experiences in a range of settings that serve young children.

### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Of students who apply, usually about 65% of transfer applications are accepted to Radford University and about 80% of the entering transfer class comes from the Virginia Community College System.
- Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- While completing this degree, you can elect to take 12 credits of specific elective courses that will put you on a pathway to a 4+1 Masters of Education: Curriculum and Instruction program leading to a second endorsement in general education, PreK-grades 3.
- Graduates of this degree also earn a concurrent add-on endorsement in early childhood education for 3 and 4-year olds to their initial teaching license with no additional coursework required.

### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Some school divisions and other agencies require candidates to pass an examination of their American Sign Language skills prior to approval for a placement for student teaching.
- Passing scores on any VDOE prescribed licensure assessments required for admission to the Teacher Education Program and student teaching.
- Support provided for preparation for licensure assessments.
- Vouchers to cover the costs of assessments available.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA to enter the Teacher Education Program and begin field experience

