

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

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Special Education

**TRANSFER GUIDE**  
Catalog Years: 2024-2025

### 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 or 101		Electives	6	
ENGL 111	3	ENG 111		EDEC 321	4	Fall only
General Education or Elective	3	ENG 112		EDEC 322	4	Spring only
General Education or Elective	3	ART 100, 101, 102, MUS 121, 221, 222, 226, CST 130, 151		EDEC 423	3	Spring only
ENG 424	3	ENG 250		EDSP 363	3	Spring only
HIST 111	3	HIS 121		EDSP 436	3	Spring only
GEOG 101, 103	3	GEO 210, 220		EDSP 438	3	Spring only
Required Lab Science	4	BIO 101, 106, GOL 105, 106, 110		EDSP 439	3	Fall only
MATH 121	3-5	MTH 154; MTH 161 or MTH 167 are acceptable options		EDSP 451	3	
General Education or Elective	3	CST 100 or 110		EDSP 454	3	
EDEF 300	3	PSY 230 or EDU 207		EDSP 462	3	Fall only
EDEF 320	3	EDU 200	20 hour Field Placement required	EDUC 415	3	
EDSP 361	3	EDU 250		EDSP 440	3	Fall only
EDUC 370	3	EDU 204	20 hour Field Placement required	EDEC 430	3	Fall only
PHSC 350 or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lab Science Requirement	4	BIO 101, 106, CHM 101, ENV 121, GOL 105, 106, 110, PHY 100, PHY 141 (NAS 131), PHY 142 (NAS 132)	2nd science different subject than first	EDSP 437	3	Fall only
General Education or Elective MATH 312	3	MTH 155 or 245		EDSP 445	3	Fall only

HIST 101 or 102	3	HIS 101, 102, 111, 112		EDSP 450	9	Spring only
General Education or Elective HIST 112	3	HIS 122				
	6	EDU 280, EDU 206, ASL 125				Student must pass VDOE prescribed licensure assessments before entering the Teacher Education Program and field experiences.
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-61				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 62		

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

Please visit the TransferVirginia.org portal to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors. (Resource Center)

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://admissions.radford.edu>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for Priority Fall Admission process and November 1 for Priority Spring Admission process at <https://radford-info.org/transfer/>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.radford.edu/fin-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Priority deadline of February 1 at <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?

- Located in the city of Radford, Radford University's campus community 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 in state-of-the-art facilities and designed to help you prepare for your chosen career path.

- Transfer students have the option of choosing to live on-campus or off-campus within the local area.
  - Over 80% of students receive some form of financial aid.
  - 16 Division 1 teams and 300+ student organizations.
- Learn more about our college 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 2022 – 2023 by *Colleges of Distinction* for the second 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 can 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 VDOE prescribed licensure assessments required for admission to the Teacher Education Program and field experience
- 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.

