

Virginia Commonwealth University Bachelor of Science in Education: Early Childhood Education and Teaching

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Years: 2025-2026

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Education

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or SDV 101 Orientation to _		EDUS 304	3	
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	EDUS/SEDP 401	3	
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		TEDU 413	3	
TEDU 386	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature		TEDU 452	2	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities course (Block II)		ESCE 301	3	
HIST 103	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877		ESCE 410	3	
POLI 103	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government & Politics		TEDU 385	3	
BIOL/Z 151 or BIOL/Z 101	4	BIO 101 General Biology I or BIO 106 Life Science		TEDU 390	3	
STAT 208	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning		TEDU 411	2	
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course		TEDU 416	4	
SPCH 121 or SPCH 221	3	CST 100 Public Speaking or CST 110 Human Communication		TEDU 425	3	
PSYC 304 or EDUS 301	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology or EDU 207		TEDU 430	1	

		Human Growth & Development				
TEDU 101	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	20 hour Field Placement required	TEDU 431	1	
SEDP 330	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education		TEDU 432	1	
EDUS 202	3	EDU 204 Teaching in a Diverse Society	20 hour Field Placement required	TEDU 466	3	
MATH 361	3	EDU/MTH 120 Math for Elem & Middle School		TEDU 471	4	
CHEM/Z110 or CHEM/Z 101	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I or CHM 111 General Chemistry I		TEDU 475	4	
ECON 2XX	3	ECO 150 Economic Essentials	Substitutes for ECON 203 (required for degree)	TEDU 481	2	
TEDU 410	3	EDU 206 Classroom Management		TEDU 490	2	
TEDU 510	3	EDU 280 Technology for Educators		MATH 303	3	
				MATH 362	3	
				Select one: INSC 201, INSC 300, or PHYS 101	3	PHY 100 at VCCS will fulfil this requirement.
				Select one: ENVS 105, ENVS 201, ENVS 301, ENVS 310, PHYS 103, or URSP 204	3	GOL 105 or GOL 110 at VCCS will fulfil this requirement.
				HIST 205	3	HIST 281 at VCCS will fulfil this requirement.
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-61				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 65		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BS in Education program at VCU:

- Earn a transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree. VCU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits at VCCS institution
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

Note: following admission to VCU, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 for subsequent admission to the VCU teacher preparation program and a 3.0 GPA for student teaching course requirements.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** <https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/register/letterofinterest>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and any math prerequisites in your first year.
- Create a schedule 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 the VCU Transfer Center within your first semester through your account at www.TransferVirginia.org.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The purpose of the B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education and Teaching degree is to prepare undergraduate students for roles as teachers and care providers of infants, toddlers and young children in schools and community preschool settings. The program will focus on providing students with a solid foundation in child development, educational psychology and the role of the family and society in education. Students will be prepared to teach in diverse classroom settings through purposefully integrated fieldwork and internship experiences. The program will emphasize working with young learners in inclusive settings and the value of play in early childhood instructional environments. The program prepares graduates to be reflective educators who demonstrate an in-depth understanding of science, social studies, mathematics

and literacy pedagogy and content. Students will develop skills to advocate for equitable learning opportunities for all children. Upon successful completion of the program, and with the recommendation of the School of Education, students are eligible to receive initial licensure for early/primary education (PK-3) from the Virginia Department of Education.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!.

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org.

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Early Childhood Education and Teaching include:

- Mentoring opportunities through alumni connections and experienced faculty.
- Students in this program are guaranteed practicum and/or internship experience with PK-K students.
- Focus on early literacy assessment and pedagogy.
- Incorporated approaches rooted in play-based learning theory.
- Eligible for license to teach PK-3rd grade in Virginia upon successful completion of program.
- Fulfill mission to mold critically reflective practitioners.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Graduates are eligible for licensure to teach PK-3 grade in Virginia upon successful completion of the program.
- Students in the program have the benefit of two student teaching placements: one in a grade PK-K classroom and one in a grade 1-3 classroom, providing the teacher candidate with a wide range of experiences.
- Students also benefit from three different practicum placements in diverse settings across the program.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- All students must complete at least one VCU “REAL” experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>