

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

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Years: 2025-2026

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development

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.	SEDP/EDUS 401	3	
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		TEDU 413	3	
MATH 131	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning		TEDU 452	2	
ENG 291	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature		TEDU 510	2	
TEDU 385	3	CHD 118 Language Arts for Young Children	The combination of ENG 250 + CHD 118 = ENGL 291 + TEDU 385	TEDU 416	4	
HIST 103	3	HIS 121 U.S. History I		TEDU 425	3	
BIOL/Z 151 or BIOL/Z 101)	4	BIO 101 General Biology I		TEDU 466	3	
PSYC 304	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology		TEDU 471	4	

TEDU 101	3	CHD 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education		TEDU 475	4	
ECSE 410	3	CHD 166 Infant & Toddler Programs	The combination of CHD 120 + CHD 166 = TEDU 101 + ECSE 410	TEDU 481	2	
TEDU 390	3	CHD 145 Teaching Art, Music & Movement		TEDU 490	2	
TEDU 411	3	EDU 235 Health, Safety & Nutrition Education	CHD 145 and EDU 235 must both be taken to transfer as equivalents to TEDU 390 + TEDU 411	MATH 303	3	
ECSE 301	3	CHD 165 Observation & Participation		MATH 361	3	
TEDU 410	3	CHD 205 Guiding the Behavior of Children		MATH 362	3	
TREL 1XX (elective)	3	CHD 146 Math, Science & Social Studies		STAT 208 or STAT 210	3	
EDUS 202	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	20 hour Field Placement required	CHEM 101 or CHEM 110	3	CHM 101 or CHM 111 at VCCS fulfills this requirement
UNIV 2XX	3	CHD 216 Early Childhood Programs, School & Change		Select one: INSC 201, INSC 300, PHYS 101	3	PHY 100 at VCCS fulfills this requirement
SEDP 330	3	CHD 210 Intro to Exceptional Children		Select one: ENVS 105, ENVS 201, ENVS 301, ENVS 310, PHYS 103, URSP 204	3	GOL 105 at VCCS fulfills this requirement
TEDU 430 + TEDU 431 + TEDU 432	3	CHD 265 Advanced Observation & Participation		Natural Science lab	1	
TREL 1XX (elective)	3	CHD 270 Administration of Childcare Programs		ECON 203	3	ECO 150 at VCCS fulfills this requirement
				HIST 205	3	HIST 281 at VCCS will fulfil this requirement
				POLI 103	3	PLS 135 at VCCS fulfills this requirement
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 62-63				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 66		

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 satisfied. High school students should apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, 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 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 of 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 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 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 to VCU at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer/>

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/>.

To obtain a teaching license in Virginia, students must pass the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) exam. This is not required for degree program completion. Learn more at <https://www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5306>.

