



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**Gogebic Community College**

**Fall 2016**

## **Western Michigan University Elementary Education Curriculum Guide**

### **Pre-elementary education requirements:**

Students who are applying to take the upper level professional teaching courses in the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) must have completed the following requirements at the time of application:

- Completion of 35 credit hours of college level work;
- Completion of all WMU intellectual skills development requirements (e.g. MATH 1090, ED 1040 and ENG 1000, if required);
- Completion of an approved college level writing course;
- Completion ED 2500, or an approved course, with a “CB” (2.5) or higher;
- Achievement of a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of “B” (3.0) or higher, by the time of application;
- Achievement of passing scores on all three parts of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) #96- Professional Readiness Exam (formerly the Basic Skills Test), at the time of application, or passing by an alternate method. Please contact the CEHD advising office if there are questions;
- Completion of a background check through Castle Branch at [portal.castlebranch.com/wc48](http://portal.castlebranch.com/wc48) with Submission of Judgment of Sentence or Register of Action for any convictions, if necessary;
- Submission of a formal application to the Office of Admissions and Advising, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5275;
- For students who started at GCC before Fall 2014, and will transfer directly to WMU, **your requirements may be different**. Please check with the CEHD advising office (contact information is listed below).

### **The following courses may be taken at GCC for your transfer to WMU:**

#### **WMU courses**

An approved writing course  
MATH 1500  
MATH 1510  
MATH 2650  
ED 2500  
PSCI 2000  
MUS 2400 or ART 2000

#### **GCC courses**

ENG 101 or 102 or 105 or 111 or 112 or 250  
MTH 121  
No equivalent  
No equivalent  
PSY 202  
PLS 101  
No equivalent\*\*

GEOG 1900	No equivalent
GEOS 2900	No equivalent
GEOG 1020	No equivalent
BIOS 1700	No equivalent
CHEM 2800	No equivalent
PHYS 1800	No equivalent
ANTH 1200	No equivalent**
HOL 1000 or HPHE 1110	No equivalent
HPHE 3400	No equivalent
HIST 2100	HST 201
HIST 2110	HST 202 **
HIST 3020	No equivalent
ECON 1000	No equivalent

For students who tentatively know what subject areas they will choose to major or minor in, here are a few suggestions from the education department chair:

- Language Arts students could take ENG 221. Science students could take CHM 151;
- \*\*Not required for Early Childhood Education students

**Important notes:**

- **Elementary Education majors** can be certified to teach K-5 in all subjects, grades 6-8 in the content minors or major, and K-8 in all subjects when teaching in a self-contained classroom;
- **Early Childhood majors** can be certified to teach K-5 in all subjects, grades K-8 in all subjects when teaching in a self-contained classroom, early childhood (regular or special education) – birth to 8 years old, and grades 6-8 in the content minors. See the WMU Elementary Education website for more information ;
- Students will not be allowed to enroll in professional education 3000 level courses, until they have been admitted to the professional program;
- Contact the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) advising, listed below, regarding your questions, including questions about General Education requirements.

**Approved by:**

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