

Lake Michigan College – WMU
Special Education and Elementary Education:
Learning Disabilities and Emotional Impairments (K-12)

Associate in Applied Science to Bachelor of Science Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

Program Description

Lake Michigan College's Associate of Applied Science in Special Education program prepares students to transfer to Western Michigan University to pursue their Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education and Elementary Education: Learning Disabilities and Emotional Impairments, K-12. Upon completion of LMC's program, students may transfer up to 60 credits to WMU. Completion of LMC's program will also fulfill requirements for Lake Michigan College's Associate of Applied Science in Special Education.

LMC's curriculum will fulfill the general education requirements toward transfer and introduce students to the field of education. The program provides students with carefully constructed courses that are based on sound theoretical foundations. Courses at all levels include field experiences in a variety of settings with diverse populations. Students work with an academic planning advisor to create an individualized program.

The undergraduate special education program at Western Michigan University is an innovative and demanding preparation program preparing special education teachers to meet the unique needs of a diverse range of K-12 students with learning disabilities and emotional impairments. Candidates are prepared to implement evidence-based instructional practices promoting access to and success in the general education curriculum through assessment, intentional instruction, and evaluation.

With successful completion of the Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education and Elementary Education: Learning Disabilities and Emotional Impairments, K-12 at WMU, students can be eligible for a Michigan Provisional Teacher's Certification in Elementary Education K-5, Elementary K-8 (self-contained), Special Education endorsements in Learning Disabilities (K-12) and Emotional Impairment (K-12).

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor every semester to review degree requirements, course schedule, and to address any questions prior to completing the application.

All students will be admitted to WMU as pre-Special Education majors. The following steps are required to apply to WMU:

- Submit a formal application for admission to the WMU Office of Admissions.
- Submit official college transcripts from each institution attended to the WMU Office of Admissions.

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Requirements for Admission to the Professional Special Education Program:

Professional level Special Education applications are accepted once a year, in January, for admission to the cohort that begins the following fall term. If there is space available after the initial application review, applications will be accepted and reviewed until the cohort is filled. The professional level special education program requires a minimum of 4 semesters of sequential coursework and 2 semesters of intern teaching. To be admitted to the Professional level of the Special Education program at WMU, students must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of 56 credits by the end of the spring semester of application
- Completion of all WMU intellectual skills development requirements (e.g. MATH 1090, LS 1040, ENGL 1000) if required
- Completion of an approved college-level writing course with a grade of "C" or better
- Completion of ED 2500: Human Development, or an approved course, with a grade of "CB" or better
- Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better
- Submission of an application to the Special Education Program
- Completion of a faculty interview
- **Achievement of passing scores** on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification—[Professional Readiness Exam #96](#) formerly Basic Skills Test, or considered to have passed via [alternative pass measures](#)
- Completion of background check through Castlebranch at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/wc48>
 - Submission of Judgment of Sentence or Register of Action for any convictions, if necessary

Location

This program must be completed at the main campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI.

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Lake Michigan College Courses			
LMC Course	WMU Equivalent	LMC Course Titles	Cred./Cont. Hours
ENGL 101	ENGL CR	English Composition	3 (3-0)
ENGL 102	ENGL 1050	English Composition	3 (3-0)
POSC 101	PSCI 2000	National Government	3 (3-0)
GEOG 100	GEOG 1020	World Region. Geography	4 (4-0)
PHED 212 OR PHED 214	PEGN 1720 OR HPHE 1110	Health & Fitness OR Personal Health	3 (3-1) Or 3 (3-0)
HIST 201	HIST 2100	American History to 1865	3 (3-0)
PSYC 201	PSY 1000	Introduction to Psychology	3 (3-0)
PSYC 203 OR PSYC 204	PSY 1600 PSY 1600	Human Development OR Child Development	3 (3-0)
BUSA 200	ECON 1000	Intro. to Economics	3 (3-0)
PHED 208	HPHE 3400	Intro. to Elem. Phys. Ed.	2 (2-0)
HUMN 201	ART 1480	Intro to the Arts	3 (3-0)
EDUC 101	EDUC CR	Foundations of Education	3 (3-0)
BIOL 170	BIOS 1700	Life Science for Elementary Teachers	3 (2-3)
PHSC 180	PHYS 1800	Physical Science for Elementary Teachers	3 (2-3)
PHSC 190	GEOG 1900	Earth Science for Elementary Teachers	3 (2-3)
PHSC 280	CHEM 2800	Physical Science for Elementary Teachers II	3 (2-3)
MATH 200	MATH 1500	Math for Elementary Teachers	4 (4-0)
MATH 210	MATH 1510	Geometry for Elementary Teachers	4 (4-0)
MATH 265	MATH 2650	Probability & Statistics for Elementary Teachers	4 (4-0)
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT LMC			60



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ENGL 3820	Literature for the Young Child	4
HIST 3020 or HIST 3290	World History to 1500 OR Michigan History	3
EDT 3470	Technology for Elementary Education	3
ENGL 3690	Writing: Elementary School	4
HPHE 3520	Teaching Health in the Elementary School	2
LS 3770	Literacy I	3
LS 3780	Literacy II	3
MATH 3520	Teaching Elementary School Math	3
ED 4010	Teaching Elementary Science	3
ED 4070	Soc. Stud. /Multicultural Ed.	3
ED 4300	Creativity in the Elementary Classroom	3
ED 3710	Elementary Classroom Organization and Management	3
ED 4500	Pre-Internship in Elementary Education	3
SPED 3300	Foundations of Special Education	3
SPED 3310	Field Experience in Special Education I: Effective Instruction	3
SPED 3380	Prevention and Intervention Techniques for Establishing Positive School Environments	3
SPED 3390	Collaboration and Communication in Special Education	3
SPED 3700	Introduction to Emotional Impairments	3
SPED 3710	Field Experience in Emotional Impairments	3
SPED 3750	Strategic Interventions for Social and Academic Behaviors	3
SPED 4040	Field Experience in Special Education II: Data-Based Decision Making and Effective Instruction	3
SPED 4270	Learners with Disabilities	3
SPED 4330	Assessment and Data-Based Decision Making in Special Education	3
SPED 4340	Evidence-Based Instruction I: Focus on K-5 Foundations of Reading, Written Language, and Content Areas	3
SPED 4350	Evidence-Based Instruction II: Focus on 6-12 Language Arts, Math , Science and Social Studies	3
SPED 4810	Field Experience in Special Education III: Strategic Interventions for Learners with High Incidence Disabilities	3
SPED 4100	Seminar in Special Education: Learning Disabilities and Emotional Impairments	4
SPED 4750	Intern Teaching in Special Education: Emotional Impairments	6
SPED 4760	Intern Teaching in Special Education: Learning Disabilities	6
ED 4100	Seminar in Education	2
ED 4710	Intern Teaching: Elem/Middle School	10
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS @ WMU		107
TOTAL COMBINED CREDIT HOURS		167