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, 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 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 SMC 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 required courses can be taken at Southwestern, for transfer to WMU:

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HIST 3020  
HPHE 1110  
CHEM 2800  
BIOS 1700  
PHYS 1800  
GEOG 1900  
GEOS 2900  
GEOG 1020  
ANTH 1200  
ECON 1000  
HIST 201  
HIST 202 **  
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PHED 103  
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For students who tentatively know which 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 ENGL 224. Science students could take CHEM 101;
- **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 any questions.

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