



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Henry Ford 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 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 HFC 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 may be taken at HFC for your transfer to WMU:

WMU courses

ED 2500
MATH 1500
MATH 1510
MATH 2650
PSCI 2000
An approved college level writing course
GEOG 1900

HFC courses

PSY 253
MATH 121
MATH 221
MATH 225
POLS 131
ENG 131 or 131H or 132 or 132H or 135
No equivalent

GEOS 2900	No equivalent
GEOG 1020	No equivalent
HIST 2100	HIST 151
HIST 2110	HIST 152 **
BIOS 1700	SCI 213
CHEM 2800	No equivalent
PHYS 1800	No equivalent
ECON 1000	No equivalent
ANTH 1200	No equivalent **
MUS 2400 and ART 2000	No equivalent **
HOL 1000 or HPHE 1110	No equivalent
HPHE 3400	HPE 260
ED 3100	PSY 256
EDT 3470	CIS 221

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 231. Science students could take CHEM 131;
- **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.

Approved by:

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