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 Bay 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 Bay, for your transfer to WMU:

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<td>ED 2500</td>
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<td>MATH 1500</td>
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<td>MATH 1510</td>
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<td>MATH 2650</td>
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<td>MUS 2400 or ART 2000</td>
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<td>One approved writing course</td>
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GEOS 2900  
No equivalent

PSCI 2000  
POLI 111 or 111H

HIST 2100  
HIST 211 or 211H

HIST 2110  
HIST 212 or 212H **

HIST 3020  
No equivalent

GEOG 1020  
GEOG 125 or 126

ANTH 1200  
ANTH 201 or 201H **

HOL 1000 or HPHE 1110  
No equivalent

PHYS 1800  
No equivalent

CHEM 2800 and BIOS 1700  
No equivalents

ECON 1000  
No equivalent

ED 3100  
EDUC 202

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

- Language Arts students could take ENGL 150. Science students could take CHEM 110;
- **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.

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