



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

College of DuPage

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) Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) (#96), or passing by an alternate method. Please contact the CEHD advising office if there are questions. Students from states other than Michigan will have to take the test after they transfer to WMU;
- 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 COD 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 COD, for your transfer to WMU:

WMU courses

ED 2500
MATH 1500
MATH 1510
PSCI 2000
One approved writing course

COD courses

PSYCH 2230
MATH 1321
MATH 1322
POLS 1101
ENGLI 1101 or 1102 or 1105

HIST 2100
HIST 2110

HISTO 1130
HISTO 1140 **

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 ENGLI 1130 or 1152. Science students could take CHEMI 1551;
- **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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