



Early Childhood General and Special Education + Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Third Grade Program Agreement

Western Michigan University
Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood General and Special Education
+ Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Third Grade (B.S.)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Associate of Arts, Early/Elementary Education (A.A.)

Catalog Year 2024-2025

I. KVCC COURSES REQUIRED COURSES FOR EARLY/ELEMENTARY EDUCATION A.A. (64 – 65 Credits)		
KVCC Course	WMU Equivalent	Transfer Credit Hours
BIO 100	BIOS 1120/1100 ^{SLL}	4
*EDU 108	*ED 2900 ^{ODC}	4
*EDU 109	*LS 2900	3
*EDU 110	*ED 2002	1
EDU 111	ED 3002	3
EDU 207	SCI 2070 ^{SLL}	3
EDU 209 or *SOC 200 <i>(Students pursuing Early Childhood Education should select SOC 200)</i>	SCI 3090 ^{GP/PS} or *SOC 3900 SOC 3900 is an approved substitute for FCS 2170.	3
EDU 213	ENGL 3690	3
*EDU 217	*SPED 2270	3
EDU 112 or *EDU 230 <i>(Students pursuing Early Childhood Education should select EDU 230)</i>	ED 3003 or *ED 3090	3
ENG 110 or ENG 160	ENGL 1050 ^{WR}	3 or 4
ENG 242	ENGL 3820 ^{SC} ENGL 3820 is an approved substitute for ENGL 3890.	4
MATH 115	MATH 1140 ^{QL}	4
MATH 153	MATH 1520	4
MATH 155	MATH 2530	4
PSI 101	PSCI 2000 ^E	3
*PSY 160	*ED 2500	3
WPPE 140	HPHE Credit ^{sub PW}	3
Fine Arts/Humanities course, choose one: COM 101, HRY 100, HRY 101, HRY 251, HRY 252, HUM 101, HUM 130, MUS 101, or MUS 102	Equivalents vary; HRY 251 ^{WLC} , HRY 252 ^{WLC} or HUM 130 ^{WLC} are recommended.	3
Second Level English course, choose one: COM 113, COM 210, ENG 111, ENG 112, ENG 127, ENG 227, or ENG 260	Equivalents vary; ENG 111 ^{ATP} is recommended.	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT KVCC		64 – 65

Table I courses with an * must be completed with a grade of 2.5 or higher at KVCC to satisfy minimum program requirements at WMU. All other courses must be completed with a 2.0 or higher at KVCC to be considered for transfer to WMU.

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II. WMU COURSES REQUIRED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION + LOWER ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: BIRTH THROUGH THIRD GRADE B.S. (72 – 78 Credits)		
WMU Course	WMU Course Title	WMU Credit Hours
*FCS 2170 ^{SC} or WES LIII: GP/PS	Diverse Child, Families, and Communities (required if SOC 200 is not completed at KVCC), otherwise, a WES Level III: Global Perspectives/Planetary Sustainability course (e.g. SCI 3090 ^{GP/PS}).	3
MATH 2540	Number & Computations I	3
SCI 1600 ST	Integrated Science	3
WES Level II: World Language and Culture and/or Artistic Theory and Practice course(s)	Varies. See WMU Equivalency information next to Fine Arts/Humanities and Second Level English course requirements in Table I.	0 – 6
Courses below require a CB or better and prior admission into the upper level of the professional education program:		
*ED 2011	Elementary Education Science Methods I: Investigative Practices	3
*ED 3141	Infant & Toddler Learning Environments	3
*ED 3690	Foundations of Social Emotional Learning and Guidance, 3-6	3
*ED 4002	Instructional Design & Integrated Assessment I	3
*ED 4012	Elementary Science Methods II: Scientific Model	3
*ED 4071	Teaching Grades PK-3: Social Studies	3
*ED 4300	Integrated Arts in the Elementary School	3
*ED 4501	Pre-Internship: Early Elementary Focus	3
*ED 5750	Administration of Child Development Centers	3
*ES 3950 ^{LNP DI}	School & Society	3
*FCS 3140	Infant and Toddler Development	3
*FCS 4150	Parenting Roles, Relationships, & Partnerships	3
*LS 4150	Foundations of Literacy	3
*LS 4200	Literacy Assessment & Instruction	2
*LS 4210	Literacy Assessment & Instructional Practice	1
*SPED 3360	Intro to Early Intervention/Early Childhood Spec Ed	3
*SPED 3370	Assessment and Instruction in ECSE	3
*SPED 3371	Field Experience in ECSE	3
*ED 4090/4700	Seminar and Intern Teaching ECE	2/10
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS AT WMU		72 – 78

Table II courses with an * must be completed with a grade of CB or higher to satisfy minimum program requirements at WMU. All other courses must be completed with a C or higher.

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TOTAL CREDITS (I - II)
64 – 65 KVCC Credits
72 – 78 WMU Credits
136 – 143 Total Credits

Contact Information

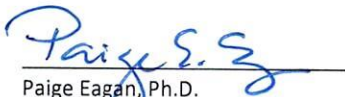
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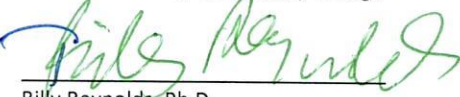
This agreement shall commence as of August 28, 2024. This program agreement shall abide by all language of the Institutional Agreement between Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University.

This program prepares educators for work in a variety of early care and classroom settings serving infants through children in third grade. Following completion of the curriculum, graduates can be eligible for credentialing as early childhood general/early childhood special education (B-K) and early elementary (PK-3) teachers under MDE regulations. The major integrates courses focused on child development, diverse family and community relationships, early childhood general education and special education, and content area knowledge and pedagogy. It prepares educators to teach and work with young learners and their families, to meet the socio-emotional needs of the whole child, and to implement developmentally appropriate practices in response to both typical and atypical development. Preparation for work with young children, their families, and the direct and ancillary services dedicated to them, is most effective when informed by the multi-dimensionality of early growth and development. Study in the Early Childhood General and Special Education and Lower Elementary Education: Birth through Third Grade at Western Michigan University features an interdisciplinary structure that anchors professional learning and experience within the disciplines and best practices of early childhood education, family science, literacy studies and special education.

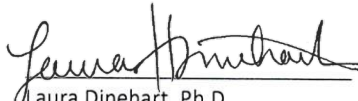
All education students are coded Pre-Education upon admission to Western Michigan University (WMU). Candidates must apply for advancement to the professional program. Pre-education students are not permitted to enroll in upper-level professional education courses until admission requirements are met and upper-level application is submitted and approved. Students should meet with an Academic Advisor in WMU's College of Education and Human Development Advising Office to learn how to apply for upper-level admission upon applying to WMU.



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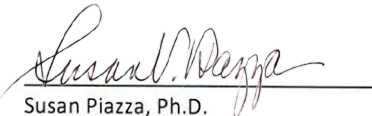
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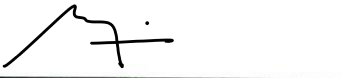
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