

Grand Valley State University
CLAS Academic Advising Center
C-1-140 Mackinac Hall
616-331-8585

Graduate Teacher Certification Planned Program
Language Arts (Elementary Certification)
(36 credits/3.0 GPA required)

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

SID: _____

Phone: _____

Transfer Institution(s): _____

Required Courses

Course Number	✓	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
FOUNDATION							
ENG 220		British Literature I	3				
ENG 221		British Literature II	3				
ENG 225		American Literature I to 1860	3				
ENG 226		American Literature II from 1860	3				
ENG 261		Study of Modern English	3				
ENG 495		Capstone	3				
TRACK							
ENG 307		Teaching Writing: Elementary	3				
ENG 309		Teaching Literature to Children	3				
ENG 400		Language Arts for Teaching	3				
ELECTIVES (9 credits)							
		Choose one of the following					
ENG 204		Mythology	3				
ENG 303		Studies in World Literature	3				
ENG 304		International Literature for Children	3				
ENG 375		Comparative Literature	3				
ENG 378		Contemporary Latin Amer. Literature	3				
CLA 345		Tradition & Reception	3				
CLA 461		Studies in the Classical Tradition	3				
		AND Choose one of the following					
ENG 362		History of the English Language	3				
ENG 363		Applied Linguistics	3				
ENG 364		Sociolinguistics	3				
ENG 365		Teaching English as a 2 nd Language	3				
ENG 366		English Grammar & Usage	3				
ENG 461		Language and Gender	3				

ENG 467	Language Disorders & English Literacy	3 3				
	AND <u>one</u> additional ENG course numbered 300 or above or from CATEGORY G¹ (Writing) WRT 200 or WRT 219					
ENG ____		3				

Total Credits needed: 36

Cumulative GPA: 3.0 is required for GTC program.

Special Considerations:

¹ENG 308 is excluded from this list.

Notes:

Departmental Approval: _____

Date _____

1 copy student; 1 copy CLAS Advising Center File; 1 copy College of Education; 1 copy Major Program Advisor

Next Steps:

- 1. If you have not already done so, you must attend a Graduate Teacher Certification workshop sponsored by the College of Education. You can schedule a time to attend by calling their Student Assistance Center at 616-331-6650.**
- 2. Be prepared to provide any additional course materials, such as a syllabus or course description, especially for out of state classes and courses completed more than 10 years ago. This will help the academic departments when finalizing course evaluations and planned programs.**
- 3. Contact the CLAS Academic Advising Center to schedule an appointment if you need help registering.**
- 4. Prior to admission to the program, you should schedule an appointment with the Graduate Teacher Certification Coordinator within the College of Education. You can schedule that appointment by calling 616-331-6650.**

The following details give information regarding the Graduate Teacher Certification Program and are taken directly from the Grand Valley State University catalog:

Graduate Teacher Certification. Candidates who already possess an approved baccalaureate degree may consider certification at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Because of the need for careful assessment in choosing the appropriate program, students should first contact the Student Information and Services Center to request background materials and register to attend one of the regularly scheduled

information meetings. Candidates considering the graduate program must be able to undertake full-time study for approximately one calendar year. Minimum admission requirements for the graduate certification program include:

1. Completion of the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution at least three years prior to application with a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the final 60 semester credits.
2. Possession of completion of a teachable major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Secondary candidates must also possess or complete a teachable minor before final certification.
3. Successful completion of Michigan Basic Skills Test.
4. Successful completion of Michigan Subject Area Test in teachable major.
5. Documentation of 25 hours age-appropriate experience with children or youth.
6. Current TB test report.
7. Signed statement regarding criminal activity.
8. Completion of EDG 619 Curricular Integration of Ed Technology.
9. Admission to graduate studies
10. Completion of application materials for graduate teacher certification program.

Candidates will be eligible for Michigan Provisional Certification after they successfully complete coursework, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and complete certain additional state requirements. These requirements include the Michigan Elementary Test for elementary candidates, or the completion of a teachable minor and the Michigan Subject Area Test in the minor for secondary candidates.