

## Undergraduate Elementary Certification Options (NEW STARTING FALL 2021)

**Pedagogical Content Knowledge for Elementary Teachers (PCKET) is the new major for students pursuing elementary certification. Students must choose from one of the four options below.**

OPTION #1	OPTION #2	OPTION #3	OPTION #4
Pre-Kindergarten through 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Pre-Kindergarten through 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade through 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Special Education K-12
<p>Students choosing this grade band are <b>REQUIRED</b> to choose at least one of the following concentrations/specializations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● English language arts</li> <li>● Integrated Science</li> <li>● Mathematics</li> <li>● Social Studies</li> <li>● ESL (K-12)</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades Pre-K – 3 and 3 – 6”</p>	<p>Students choosing this grade band have the <b>OPTION</b> of adding concentrations/specializations from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● English language arts</li> <li>● Integrated Science</li> <li>● Mathematics</li> <li>● Social Studies</li> <li>● ESL (K-12)</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades Pre-K – 3”</p>	<p>Students choosing this grade band are <b>REQUIRED</b> to choose at least one of the following concentrations/specializations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● English language arts</li> <li>● Integrated Science</li> <li>● Mathematics</li> <li>● Social Studies</li> <li>● ESL (K-12)</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades 3 – 6”</p>	<p>Students choosing special education K-12 will also get certified in elementary education and are <b>REQUIRED</b> to choose one of the following grade bands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade</li> <li>● 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade</li> <li>● Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (recommended)</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for grades Pre-K – 3 plus Special Education K – 12”</p> <p>OR</p> <p>“Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades 3 – 6 plus Special Education K – 12”</p>

\* Please see individual curriculum guides for required classes and for directions on how to declare the majors.

\* Students starting at GVSU before Fall 2021 have other options for elementary certification. See your advisor if you need assistance choosing a program.

# Undergraduate Secondary Certification Options

## Secondary Certificate

Students must choose a teachable major

**Teachable Majors**

Certification levels vary depending on major. See note behind the major for grade level certification.

Art Education (K-12)  
Health and Physical Education (K-12)

Music (PK-12)  
French (PK-12)  
German (PK-12)  
Latin (PK-12)  
Spanish (PK-12)

English (5-12)  
Science (5-12)

Mathematics (5-9 or 9-12)  
Social Studies (6-12\*\*)

\*\*Social Studies will be changing to 5-9, 9-12, or 5-12 as of 2025-2026)