

ELEMENTARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR GRADES 3 - 6

(PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHING MAJOR WITH REQUIRED CONTENT AREA CONCENTRATION AND REQUIRED SECOND MAJOR IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OR BACHELOR OF ARTS

Year One			
* MTH 126 Math for Elementary Teachers OR STA 126 Statistics for Elementary Teachers Prerequisite: MTH 110 or proficiency through math placement ¹ WRT 120 or WRT 150 (self-placement) PSY 101 Introductory Psychology EDF 115 Intro to Education: An Exploration of Schooling in America HST 209 History and Social Studies for Elem Teachers	2 3/4 3 3 3	* STA 126 Statistics for Elementary Teachers OR MTH 126 Math for Elementary Teachers Prerequisite: MTH 110 or proficiency through math placement ¹ WRT 130 (if WRT 120 taken in Fall) OR ² PSY 301 Child Development MUS 128 Strum and Drum for Everyone OR ART 231 Integrating Visual Arts Across Disciplines ENG 201 Foundations of Literacy Instruction SCI 225 Integrated Life Science for Elementary Teachers	2 3 3 3 3 4
Total	14/15	Total	15
Year Two			
ENG 355 Teaching English Learners PK – 6 EDF 315 Diverse Perspectives on Education HPE 267 Health/Movement Ed for Elementary Teachers EDI 317 Collaborating with Families and Professionals MTH 226 Mathematics for PK – 6: Whole Numbers and Operations	3 3 3 3 3	EDF 260 SWS Educational Research and Assessment: Foundations of Practice EDR 320 Emergent Literacy and the Development of Reading, Writing and Language EDS 318 Teaching Students w/Learning & Behavior Diff. MTH 326 Math for PK – 6: Fractions, Decimals and Proportional Reasoning General Education – Philosophy and Literature	3 3 3 3 3
Total	15	Total	15
Year Three			
SCI 226 Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers EDR/EDS 323 Teaching Students with Lang/Lit Learning Difficulties SST 309 Teaching Elementary Social Studies: Grades 3 – 6 ENG 301 Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom Required Concentration Option (See reverse side for options)	3 3 3 3 3	SCI 227 Life and Earth Science for 3 – 6 Preservice Teachers SST 308 Teaching Elementary Social Studies: Grades PK-3 OR SST 311 Data Literacy for Social Studies OR HST 205 American History to 1877 ENG 401 Languages, Literacies and Cultures Required Concentration Option (See reverse side for options) Required Concentration Option (See reverse side for options)	3 3 3 3 3
Total	15	Total	15
Year Four			
EDI 330 Elementary Apprenticeship PK – 6 EDI 310 Building and Sustaining Positive Learning Environments EDT 476 Teaching with Technology PCK 495 SWS Integrated Discipline-Based Research in PK-6 Classrooms (capstone)	6 3 3 3	EDI 430 Elementary Internship PK – 6 EDF 495 Capstone: Reflective Inquiry and Practice MTH 428 Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades	10 3 1
Total	15	Total	14

The block tuition rate is 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15.

***Students must fulfill MTH 110 either by taking the course or waive the requirement through math placement prior to taking MTH 126 and STA 126. MTH 126 and STA 126 may be taken in the same semester, either fall or winter, provide MTH 110 has been fulfilled.**

¹ Students who self-place into WRT 120 take this course in the fall semester and then WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year.

Students who self-place into WRT 150 should take the course in the fall semester. Students with AP/Dual Enrollment credit for WRT 150 have fulfilled this requirement. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

²Students who opt for the WRT 120/130 stretch writing sequence should plan to take PSY 301 during the spring/summer semester between first and second year of the program.

Degree Requirements - PCKET 3 – 6 students can pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Students who wish to obtain a BA must fulfill 3rd semester proficiency in a foreign language (201 level). The BS requirements are incorporated into the major requirements.

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisors and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the PCKET 3 – 6 Major:	
Arts: ART 231 or MUS 128	Historical Perspectives: HST 209
Mathematical Sciences: MTH 126 + STA 126	Physical Sciences with Lab: SCI 226
Life Sciences with Lab: SCI 225	Social and Behavioral Sciences: EDF 115
Social and Behavioral Sciences: PSY 101	Global Perspectives: ENG 355
U.S. Diversity: EDF 315	
Issues 1: EDI 312	Issues 2: EDT 476
SWS 1: PCK 495	SWS 2: EDF 260

Required Concentration for Grades 3 – 6 Certification

Students must choose one (or more) of the content specialization areas below and complete all courses listed (see advising notes)

Mathematics (9 credits)	English Language Arts (9 credits and cannot double count courses)	Social Studies (9 credits and cannot double count courses taken for core requirements)	Integrated Science (9 credits)
MTH 322: Geometry for Elementary Teachers	One of ENG 215 or 216 or 261	GPY 220 or GPY 235	BIO 205: Genetics for PK – 3 Preservice Teachers
MTH 323: Probability and Statistics for Elementary Teachers	One of ENG 215 or 216 or 261 or 304 or 334 or ENG Issues Course	One HST course, which must include HST 205	CHM 201: Introduction to Chemical Sciences
MTH 324: Algebra for Elementary Teachers	One of ENG 215 or 216 or 261 or ENG Philosophy and Literature General Education Course	One of SST 308 or SST 311 or HST 301 or HST 302 or HST 312 or HST 314 or HST 315 or HST 318 or HST 320 or HST 323 or HST 328 or PLS 102 or PLS 203 or PLS 206	SCI 495: Teaching Science in the 21 st Century

Optional Specialization/Endorsement or Dual Grade Band for 3 - 6 Certification

Students have the option of choosing one (or more) of the content specialization/endorsement areas below and complete all courses listed. Students who choose one of these three specializations are not required to choose a concentration from the list above, although adding a concentration is highly recommended.

English as a Second Language (ESL) K-12 Endorsement (23 credits)	Spanish for Elementary Education Minor K-8 (27 Credits)	Pre-K - 3 Dual Grade Band
ENG 261 Foundations of Language Study	SPA 321 Composition and Conversation I	MTH 328 Early Childhood Mathematics PK-3
ENG 363 Applied Linguistics	SPA 322 Composition and Conversation II	EDI 312 Child Guidance
ENG 364 Sociolinguistics	SPA 309 Advanced Spanish Grammar	EDF 215 Introduction to Philosophies of Early Childhood
ENG 355 Teaching English Learners PK - 6 OR ENG 365 Teaching English as a Second Lang	Select 2 from: SPA 310 Spanish Civilization and Culture SPA 311 Latin Amer. Civ/Culture I SPA 312 Latin Amer. Civ/Culture II	
ENG 366 English Grammar and Usage	Select 1 from: SPA 313 US Latino/a Civ/Culture SPA 329 Sociolinguistics of Spanish SPA 331 Survey of Spanish Literature SPA 332 Survey of Spanish Amer. Lit.	
ENG 465 Second Language Reading and Writing	SPA 314 Teaching Methods	
EDR 470 Directed Teaching in ESL: Elementary (6 cr)	SPA 335 Introduction to Spanish Literature	
	SPA 395 Advanced Speaking Strategies and Skills	

Additional Advising Notes:

- To be certified to teach elementary grades 3 through 6, students must complete the PCKET major, an area Concentration and a second major in Educational Studies. The Specialization Areas are optional.
- ENG 401 and PCK 495 should not be taken in the same semester.
- Concentration courses are not offered every semester. Students should work with advisors to include those courses as appropriate.
- Students are strongly encouraged to complete both elementary grade bands, to increase marketability in the job search process.
- Students are also encouraged to consider one of the optional specializations, again to increase marketability.
- Students earning a teaching credential in special education will complete either the PK-3 or 3-6 with specialized teaching endorsement major and a special education major. Students declaring a specialization of Special Ed, ESL, or Spanish are not required to complete the concentration for 3-6.

Major Declaration Process:

- Declare the desired PCKET major/concentration
- Declare the Educational Studies 2nd major/concentration that applies to the PCKET major:
 - Educational Studies – Pre-K-3rd Grade for students choosing PCKET PK-3 or PCKET PK-6
 - Educational Studies – 3rd-6th Grades for students choosing PCKET 3rd-6th
 - Special Education in should be the 2nd major for students choosing any PCKET major with the Special Ed Endorsement
- Declare the LNGT/SPAE minors if applicable:
 - LNGT for PCKET with the ESL endorsement
 - SPAE for PCKET with the Spanish endorsement