### 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**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year One</th>
<th>Year Two</th>
<th>Year Three</th>
<th>Year Four</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>MTH 126 Math for Elementary Teachers OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;STA 126 Statistics for Elementary Teachers&lt;br&gt;PSY 101 Introductory Psychology&lt;br&gt;PED 115 Intro to Education: An Exploration of Schooling in America&lt;br&gt;HST 209 History and Social Studies for Elem Teachers&lt;br&gt;<em>(self-placement)</em>&lt;br&gt;WRT 120 or WRT 150&lt;br&gt;<em>EDF 476</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>ENG 201</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>MTH 226</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>PSY 301</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>SCI 225</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>SST 308</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>WRT 130</em>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>14/15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>2</strong></td>
<td>**MTH 126 Math for Elementary Teachers&lt;br&gt;STA 126 Statistics for Elementary Teachers&lt;br&gt;PSY 101 Introductory Psychology&lt;br&gt;PED 115 Intro to Education: An Exploration of Schooling in America&lt;br&gt;HST 209 History and Social Studies for Elem Teachers&lt;br&gt;<em>(self-placement)</em>&lt;br&gt;WRT 120 or WRT 150&lt;br&gt;<em>EDF 476</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>ENG 201</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>MTH 226</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>PSY 301</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>SCI 225</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>SST 308</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>WRT 130</em>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>3</strong></td>
<td>**SCI 226 Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers&lt;br&gt;<em>EDR/EDS 323</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>ENG 355</em>&lt;br&gt;<em>MTH 326</em>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>3</strong></td>
<td>**EDI 330 Elementary Apprenticeship PK – 6&lt;br&gt;EDI 310 Building and Sustaining Positive Learning Environments&lt;br&gt;EDI 476 Teaching with Technology&lt;br&gt;PCK 495 SWS Integrated Discipline-Based Research in PK-6 Classrooms (capstone)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>6</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<p>| | | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ENG 301 Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>EDF 315</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>HPE 267</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>EDI 317</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>MTH 226 Mathematics for PK – 6: Whole Numbers and Operations</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>3</strong></td>
<td><strong>EDF 260 SWS Educational Research and Assessment: Foundations of Practice</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>EDR 320 Language and Literacy: Development, Assessment, and Instruction</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>EDS 318 Teaching Students w/Learning &amp; Behavior Diff.</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>MTH 326 Math for PK – 6: Fractions, Decimals and Proportional Reasoning</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Gen Ed – Philosophy and Literature (EDF 215 encouraged)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>3</strong></td>
<td>**SCI 227 Life and Earth Science for 3 – 6 Preservice Teachers&lt;br&gt;SST 311 Data Literacy for Social Studies (recommended – counts as 2nd issues) OR SST 308 Teaching Elementary Social Studies: PK-3 OR HST 205 American HST to 1877&lt;br&gt;ENG 401 Languages, Literacies and Cultures&lt;br&gt;Required Concentration Option (See reverse side for options)&lt;br&gt;Apply for Apprenticeship semester before EDI 330&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>15</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>3</strong></td>
<td>**EDI 430 Elementary Internship PK – 6&lt;br&gt;EDF 495 Capstone: Reflective Inquiry and Practice&lt;br&gt;MTH 428 Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades&lt;br&gt;<strong>Total</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>14</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>10</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

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.
2. Students 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.
3. Honors students should consult with their Honors and CLAS Advisors about overlaps in the programs.
4. Classes with an asterisk * and that are underlined should be taken in the suggested semester in order to stay on track for Apprenticeship in the fourth year.

**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](http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising)
### General Education Overlap

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Math</th>
<th>English</th>
<th>Social Studies</th>
<th>Science</th>
<th>Honors</th>
<th>ESL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(9 credits)</td>
<td>(9 credits)</td>
<td>(9 credits)</td>
<td>(9 credits)</td>
<td>(9 credits)</td>
<td>(20 credits)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Required (9 cr): MTH 322, MTH 323, MTH 324</td>
<td>Choose One (3 cr): ENG 215, 216, or 261</td>
<td>Required (6 cr): HST 205, GPY 220 or 235</td>
<td>Required (9 cr): BIO 205, CHM 201, SCI 495</td>
<td>Required (9 cr): HNR 152, HNR 153, HNR 154</td>
<td>K-12 ESL certification</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Choose One (3 cr): ENG 216, 216, 261, 304, 334, or ENG issues course</td>
<td>Choose One (3 cr): SST 311, HST 301, HST 302, HST 312, HST 314, HST 315, HST 318, HST 320, HST 323, HST 328, PLS 102, PLS 203, PLS 206</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Choose One (3 cr): ENG 216, 216, 261, 304, 334, or ENG Gen Ed course</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE:** At least ONE Concentration or Endorsement is required for PCKET majors pursuing 3-6 certification. For best marketability and availability within the Education field, PK-6th grades are encouraged. Please meet with an Advisor to discuss options.

**Add an Endorsement** (leads to MDE certification)

- Required (20 cr.):
  - ENG 261
  - ENG 355*
  - ENG 363
  - ENG 366
  - ENG 465
  - EDR 470**

  *355 counts for PCKET major + ESL endorsement

  **EDI 470 (5 cr.) is a 10-week practicum taken in same term as student internship. These 10 weeks follow 10 weeks of general classroom internship, extending the semester by 5 weeks. Therefore, EDI 470 must occur in the winter semester only.

To be certified to teach ESL, students must have two semesters of a Foreign Language Requirement. This can be through language placement or though taking two semesters of the language.

### 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-6th grades 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.

### Admission requirements for Teacher Apprenticeship and Student Teaching Internship experiences can be found at [https://www.gvsu.edu/education/undergraduate/teacher-apprenticeship-application-37.htm](https://www.gvsu.edu/education/undergraduate/teacher-apprenticeship-application-37.htm). If you have any questions about the clinical experience applications, please contact the Office of Certification and Accreditation at (616) 331-6650 or email oca@gvsu.edu.

### Major Declaration Process:

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