

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR GRADES PRE-K - 3 PLUS SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12**  
**(PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHING MAJOR WITH REQUIRED SECOND MAJOR IN SPECIAL EDUCATION) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OR BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – Interim Program**

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**Proposed Schedule for First Two Years:**

Year One			
*MTH 126 Math for Elementary Teachers Prerequisite: MTH 110 or proficiency through math placement	2	*STA 126 Statistics for Elementary Teachers Prerequisite: MTH 110 or proficiency through math placement	2
<sup>1</sup> WRT 120 or WRT 150 (self-placement)	3/4	<sup>1</sup> WRT 130 (if WRT 120 taken in Fall)	3
PSY 101 Introductory Psychology	3	OR	
EDF 115 Intro to Education: An Exploration of Schooling in America	3	<sup>2</sup> PSY 301 Child Development	3
HST 209 History and Social Studies for Elem Teachers	3	EDF 215 Introduction to Philosophies of Early Childhood	3
		ENG 201 Foundations of Literacy Instruction	3
		SCI 225 Integrated Life Science for PK – 3 Teachers	4
<i>Total</i>	14/15	<i>Total</i>	15
Year Two			
ENG 355 Teaching English Learners PK – 6	3	MUS 128 Strum and Drum for Everyone	3
HPE 267 Health/Movement Ed for Elementary Teachers	3	OR	
MTH 226 Mathematics for PK – 6: Whole Numbers and Operations	3	ART 231 Integrating Visual Arts Across Disciplines	
SCI 226 Integrated Physical Science for PK – 3 Teachers	3	MTH 326 Math for PK – 6: Fractions, Decimals and Proportional Reasoning	3
PSY 304 The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child	3	SST 308 Teaching Elementary Social Studies: Grades PK-3	3
		ENG 301 Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom	3
		PSY 310 Behavior Modification	3
<i>Total</i>	15	<i>Total</i>	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, provided MTH 110 has been fulfilled.

**Degree Requirements** - PK-3 Special Education students can pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.

**Major Declaration Process:**

Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage

2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"

3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box

4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Ped Cont Knowledge for Elementary Teaching – PK -3 Special Education BA" or "Ped Cont Knowledge for Elementary Teaching – PK -3 Special Education BS" based on degree preference

5. Click "Submit."

General Education Overlap	
Arts: ART 231 or MUS 128	Historical Analysis: HST 209
Mathematical Sciences: MTH 126 + STA 126	Philosophy and Literature: EDF 215
Life Sciences with Lab: SCI 225	Physical Sciences with Lab: SCI 226
Social and Behavioral Sciences: PSY 101	Social and Behavioral Sciences: EDF 115
U.S. Diversity: EDF 315	Global Perspectives: ENG 355
Issues 1: EDI 312	Issues 2: EDT 476
SWS 1: PCK 495	SWS 2:

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisors for the PCKET and Special Education majors as well as 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>

**PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (PCKET)**

<b>FINE ARTS:</b> <b>MUS 128</b> Strum and Drum for Everyone or <b>ART 231</b> Integrating Visual Arts Across Disciplines	3 3	<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> <b>* MTH 126</b> Math for Elementary Teachers Prerequisite: MTH 110 or proficiency through math placement <b>MTH 226</b> Mathematics for PK – 6: Whole Numbers and Operations (Pre-req: MTH 126) <b>MTH 326</b> Math for PK – 6: Fractions, Decimals and Proportional Reasoning <b>MTH 328</b> Early Childhood Mathematics	2 3 3 3
<b>ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS:</b> <b>ENG 201</b> Foundations of Literacy Instruction <b>ENG 301</b> Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom <b>ENG 401</b> Languages, Literacies and Cultures	3 3 3	<b>CAPSTONE:</b> <b>PCK 495 SWS</b> Integrated Discipline-Based Research in PK-6 Classrooms (capstone)	3
<b>ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:</b> <b>ENG 355</b> Teaching English Learners PK – 6	3	<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:</b> <b>*STA 126</b> Statistics for Elementary Teachers Prerequisite: MTH 110 or proficiency through math placement <b>SCI 225</b> Integrated Life Science for Elementary Teachers <b>PCK 495 SWS</b> Integrated Discipline-Based Research in PK-6 Classrooms (capstone)	2 4 3
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES:</b> <b>HST 209</b> History and Social Studies for Elem Teachers <b>SST 308</b> Teaching Elementary Social Studies: PK – 3	3 3	<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS:</b> Students must demonstrate third semester proficiency in a foreign language by successfully completing a 201-level language course or through placement exam	
<b>HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:</b> <b>HPE 267</b> Health/Movement Ed for Elementary Teachers	3		
<b>INTEGRATED SCIENCE:</b> <b>SCI 225</b> Integrated Life Science for Elementary Teachers <b>SCI 226</b> Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers	4 3		

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<b>EDF 115</b> Intro to Education: An Exploration of Schooling in America <b>EDF 215</b> Introduction to Philosophies of Early Childhood <b>EDF 315</b> Diverse Perspectives on Education <b>PSY 301</b> Child Development (Pre-req: PSY 101) <b>PSY 304</b> The Psychology and Education of the Exceptional Child	3 3 3 3 3	<b>PSY 310</b> Behavior Modification <b>EDR 320</b> Emergent Literacy and the Development of Reading, Writing and Language <b>EDI 312</b> Child Guidance <b>EDT 476</b> Teaching with Technology <b>EDI 430</b> Elementary Internship PK-6	3 3 3 3 6
<b>Additional upper level course requirements are in the process of being approved.</b>			

**ADDITIONAL COURSE/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>WRT 150</b> Strategies in Writing OR <b>WRT 120 and WRT 130</b> Stretch Writing <b>PSY 101</b> Introductory Psychology	4 3/3 3	Additional General Education requirements not covered by the PCKET or Special Education Program – see myPath for remaining requirements.	
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To earn a degree from GVSU, all students must complete the following: 120 total credits, all major/minor requirements, all general education requirements, at least 58 credits from a 4-year institution, and the last 30 credits of the degree completed through GVSU.

Admission requirements for Teacher Assisting Apprenticeship and Student Teaching Internship experiences can be found at

<https://www.gvsu.edu/education/undergraduate/apply-for-field-placement-4.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](mailto:oca@gvsu.edu).