

# 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  Students choosing this grade band are <b>REQUIRED</b> to choose at least one of the following concentrations/specializations:  <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> <b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades Pre-K – 3 and 3 – 6”	Pre-Kindergarten through 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade  Students choosing this grade band have the <b>OPTION</b> of adding concentrations/specializations from the following list:  <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> <b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades Pre-K – 3”	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade through 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Students choosing this grade band are <b>REQUIRED</b> to choose at least one of the following concentrations/specializations:  <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> <b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades 3 – 6”	Special Education K-12  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:  <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> <b>Use the curriculum guide titled:</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for grades Pre-K – 3 plus Special Education K – 12”  <b>OR</b> “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades 3 – 6 plus Special Education K – 12”

\* 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)