

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**Graduate Teacher Certification Planned Program  
 Earth Science Minor – Secondary Education**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SID: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer Institution(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Earth Science Minor – Required Courses**

Course Number	✓	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade
GEO 111		Exploring the Earth	4			
GEO 112		Earth History	5			
GEO 319		Earth Science in Secondary Education <sup>1</sup>	4			
GEO 320		Geomorphology <sup>1</sup>	4			
NRM 140		The Climactic Factor	4			
PHY 105		Descriptive Astronomy	3			

**Special Considerations:**

<sup>1</sup> Pre-requisite GEO 112

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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The following details the information regarding the Graduate Teacher Certification Program and is taken directly from the Grand Valley State University catalog:

**Graduate Teacher Certification.** Candidates who already possess an approved baccalaureate degree may consider certification at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Because of the need for careful assessment in choosing the appropriate program, students should first contact the Student Information and Services Center to request background materials and register to attend one of the regularly scheduled information meetings. Candidates considering the graduate program must be able to undertake full-time study for approximately one calendar year. Minimum admission requirements for the graduate certification program include:

1. Completion of the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution at least three years prior to application with a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the final 60 semester credits.
2. Possession of completion of a teachable major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Secondary candidates must also possess or complete a teachable minor before final certification.
3. Successful completion of Michigan Basic Skills Test.
4. Successful completion of Michigan Subject Area Test in teachable major.
5. Documentation of 25 hours age-appropriate experience with children or youth.
6. Current TB test report.
7. Signed statement regarding criminal activity.
8. Completion of EDG 619 Curricular Integration of Ed Technology.
9. Admission to graduate studies
10. Completion of application materials for graduate teacher certification program.

Candidates will be eligible for Michigan Provisional Certification after they successfully complete coursework, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and complete certain additional state requirements. These requirements include the Michigan Elementary Test for elementary candidates, or the completion of a teachable minor and the Michigan Subject Area Test in the minor for secondary candidates.