

**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			
* <b>MTH 126</b> Math for Elementary Teachers <b>OR</b> <b>STA 126</b> Statistics for Elementary Teachers <u>CAN DO MTH AND STA CONCURRENTLY</u>	2	* <b>STA 126</b> Statistics for Elementary Teachers <b>OR</b> <b>MTH 126</b> Math for Elementary Teachers <u>CAN DO MTH AND STA CONCURRENTLY</u>	2
<sup>1</sup> <b>WRT 120 or WRT 150</b> (self-placement)	3/4	<sup>1</sup> * <b>WRT 130</b> (if WRT 120 taken in Fall) <b>OR</b>	3
<b>PSY 101</b> Introductory Psychology	3	<sup>2</sup> <b>PSY 301</b> Child Development	3
<sup>3</sup> <b>EDF 115</b> Intro to Education: An Exploration of Schooling in America	3	<b>MUS 128</b> Strum and Drum for Everyone <b>OR</b> <b>ART 231</b> Integrating Visual Arts Across Disciplines	3
<sup>3</sup> <b>HST 209</b> History and Social Studies for Elem Teachers	3	* <b>ENG 201</b> Foundations of Literacy Instruction	3
		<b>SCI 225</b> Integrated Life Science for Elementary Teachers	4
<i>Total</i>	14/15	<i>Total</i>	15
Year Two			
* <b>ENG 301</b> Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom	3	<b>EDF 260 SWS</b> Educational Research and Assessment: Foundations of Practice	3
<b>EDF 315</b> Diverse Perspectives on Education	3	* <b>EDR 320</b> Language and Literacy: Development, Assessment, and Instruction	3
<b>HPE 267</b> Health/Movement Ed for Elementary Teachers	3	<b>EDS 318</b> Teaching Students w/Learning & Behavior Diff.	3
<b>EDI 317</b> Collaborating with Families and Professionals	3	* <b>MTH 326</b> Math for PK – 6: Fractions, Decimals and Proportional Reasoning	3
* <b>MTH 226</b> Mathematics for PK – 6: Whole Numbers and Operations	3	<b>Gen Ed – Philosophy and Literature (EDF 215 encouraged)</b>	3
<i>Total</i>	15	<i>Total</i>	15
Year Three			
<b>SCI 226</b> Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers	3	<b>SCI 227</b> Life and Earth Science for 3 – 6 Preservice Teachers	3
* <b>EDR/EDS 323</b> Teaching Students with Lang/Lit Learning Difficulties	3	<b>SST 311</b> Data Literacy for Social Studies ( <b>recommended – counts as 2<sup>nd</sup> Issues</b> ) <b>OR SST 308</b> Teaching Elementary Social Studies: PK-3 <b>OR HST 205</b> American HST to 1877	3
<b>SST 309</b> Teaching Elementary Social Studies: Grades 3 – 6	3	<b>ENG 401</b> Languages, Literacies and Cultures	3
* <b>ENG 355</b> Teaching English Learners PK – 6	3	<sup>3</sup> <b>Required Concentration Option</b> (See reverse side for options)	3
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		<b>Apply for Apprenticeship semester before EDI 330</b>	
<i>Total</i>	15	<i>Total</i>	15
Year Four			
<b>EDI 330</b> Elementary Apprenticeship PK – 6	6	<b>EDI 430</b> Elementary Internship PK – 6	10
<b>EDI 310</b> Building and Sustaining Positive Learning Environments	3	<b>EDF 495</b> Capstone: Reflective Inquiry and Practice	3
<b>EDT 476</b> Teaching with Technology	3	<b>MTH 428</b> Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades	1
<b>PCK 495 SWS</b> Integrated Discipline-Based Research in PK-6 Classrooms (capstone)	3		
<i>Total</i>	15	<i>Total</i>	14

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Honors students should with their Honors and CLAS Advisors about overlaps in the programs. \*\* HNR 201 will cover HST 209, EDF 115 will cover HNR 300, and the Honors freshman sequence will count as the concentration option for PCKET students in the Honors program

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.

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>

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> semester proficiency in a foreign language (201 level). The BS requirements are incorporated into the major requirements.

**General Education Overlap**

General Education Categories fulfilled by the PCKET 3 – 6 Major:	
Arts: <b>ART 231</b> or <b>MUS 128</b>	Historical Analysis: <b>HST 209</b>
Mathematical Sciences: <b>MTH 126 + STA 126</b>	Physical Sciences with Lab: <b>SCI 226</b>
Life Sciences with Lab: <b>MTH 225</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences: <b>EDF 115</b>
Social and Behavioral Sciences: <b>PSY 101</b>	Global Perspectives: <b>ENG 355</b>
U.S. Diversity: <b>EDF 315</b>	Philosophy and Literature: <b>Not a part of major, however EDF 215 is encouraged</b>
Issues 1: Need 1 issues course UNLESS taking <b>SST 311</b>	Issues 2: <b>EDT 476</b>
SWS 1: <b>PCK 495</b>	SWS 2: <b>EDF 260</b>

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-6<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged. Please meet with an Advisor to discuss options.

\*\*see separate guides for ESL endorsement and concentrations.

Add a Concentration (build your content knowledge)					OR/ AND	Add an Endorsement (leads to MDE certification)
Math (9 credits)	English (9 credits)	Social Studies (9 credits)	Science (9 credits)	Honors (9 credits)		ESL (20 credits) K-12 ESL certification
Required (9 cr): MTH 322 MTH 323 MTH 324	Choose One (3 cr): ENG 215, 216, or 261  Choose One (3 cr): ENG 215, 216, 261, 304, 334, or ENG issues course  Choose One (3 cr): ENG 215, 216, 261, 304, 334, or ENG Gen Ed course	Required (6 cr): HST 205 GPY 220 or 235  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	Required (9 cr): BIO 205 CHM 201 SCI 495	Required (9 cr): HNR 152 HNR 153 HNR 154		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 <b>must</b> occur in the winter semester only. <i>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.</i>

**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.

**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>. 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).

**Major Declaration Process:**

1. Declare the desired PCKET major/concentration
2. Declare the Educational Studies 2<sup>nd</sup> major/concentration that applies to the PCKET major:
  - a. Educational Studies – Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade for students choosing PCKET PK-3 or PCKET PK-6
  - b. Educational Studies – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades for students choosing PCKET 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Special Education in should be the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.