

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 th Grade	Pre-Kindergarten through 3 rd Grade	3 rd Grade through 6 th Grade	Special Education K-12
<p>Students choosing this grade band are REQUIRED to choose at least one of the following concentrations/specializations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English language arts • Integrated Science • Mathematics • Social Studies • ESL (K-12) <p>Use the curriculum guide titled: “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades Pre-K – 3 and 3 – 6”</p>	<p>Students choosing this grade band have the OPTION of adding concentrations/specializations from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English language arts • Integrated Science • Mathematics • Social Studies • ESL (K-12) <p>Use the curriculum guide titled: “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades Pre-K – 3”</p>	<p>Students choosing this grade band are REQUIRED to choose at least one of the following concentrations/specializations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English language arts • Integrated Science • Mathematics • Social Studies • ESL (K-12) <p>Use the curriculum guide titled: “Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades 3 – 6”</p>	<p>Students choosing special education K-12 will also get certified in elementary education and are REQUIRED to choose one of the following grade bands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-K through 3rd grade • 3rd grade through 6th grade • Pre-K through 6th grade (recommended) <p>Use the curriculum guide titled: “Elementary Teacher Certification for grades Pre-K – 3 plus Special Education K – 12”</p> <p>OR</p> <p>“Elementary Teacher Certification for Grades 3 – 6 plus Special Education K – 12”</p>

* 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 (PK-12)

Music (PK-12)

Health and Physical Education (PK-12)

French (PK-12)

German (PK-12)

Latin (PK-12)

Spanish (PK-12)

English (5-12)

Science (5-12)

Social Studies (5-12)

Mathematics (5-9 or 9-12)