

Degree Guidance Sheet
Early Grades Preparation—Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 4
121 Credits
(Revised-May 2021)

I. ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS (19 credits)

	Course	Credits	Semester/Grade
English Composition	WRT 120 (English Composition I)	3	_____
	WRT 200, 204, 205, 206, 208 or 220 (English Composition II)	3	_____
Mathematics	MAT 101 (Math for Teachers of Children I)	3	_____
	FYE 100 (First Year Experience)	4	_____
Diverse Communities (J)	LAN/ENG 382 (Teaching English Language Learners PK-12)	3	_____
Interdisciplinary (I)	EDF 255 (Evolution of Schooling in the United States)	3	_____

II. DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS (21credits)

Sciences (6 credits):

The Carbon Cycle	SCI 101 required	3	_____
Electricity with Physical and Biological Applications	SCI 102 required	3	_____

(Transfer students who have completed two science courses in two different disciplines (BIO, ESS, PHY, CHE) before enrolling in EGP at WCU, may substitute these courses for SCI 101 and SCI 102. Transfer students who have completed one science course will be required to complete SCI 101 or SCI 102. SCB 102 and ESS 102 are considered "I" courses and will not be accepted as meeting the science requirements.)

Behavioral and Social Sciences (6 credits):

ANT, ECO, PSC, GEO, PSY, SOC	GEO 101 (World Geography) is required	3	_____
	PSC 100 (US Government) is preferred	3	_____

Any course substitutions for PSC 100 must meet general education requirements as listed in the undergraduate catalog, approved general education courses.

Humanities (6 credits):

History			
an American History survey course is required	HIS 150 is preferred	3	_____
Literature	LIT 219 (Literature for Young Children)	3	_____
	required		

The Arts (3 credits):

	MDA 240 (Integrating the Arts Within the Elementary Classroom)	3	_____
	required		

III. ELECTIVES (9 credits) Elective credits may be applied toward a minor

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IV. WRITING EMPHASIS COURSES (3 courses)

The following program requirements will meet the writing emphasis requirement:

EGP 220, EGP 322, EGP 402, EDR 304

Three writing emphasis courses are required for students with 0-39 transfer credits; two for students with 40-70 transfer credits; one for students with more than 70 transfer credits.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Teacher Candidacy Requirements: 48 earned college level credits; 2.8 cumulative GPA; Passing scores on Basic Skills tests (see WCU CESW website for options); 6 earned credits in college-level English composition and literature taught in English; 6 earned credits in college-level mathematics; Departmental approval. Apply for teacher candidacy before 60 credits.

PROFESSIONAL CORE COURSES FOR PK-4 CANDIDATES

(60 credits plus 12 credits of student teaching)

Course	Credits	Semester/Grade
MAT 102 Math for Teachers of Children II	3	_____
^EGP 209 Child Development – Prebirth through 5 Years	3	_____
^EGP 210 Middle Childhood and Adolescent Development	3	_____
EDA 103 Foundations of Special Education	3	_____
^EGP 220 Theory and Field Experience in the Early Grades (EGP 210) (W)	3	_____
EDR 304 Teaching Language Arts PK-4 (EGP 210) (W) (SE)	3	_____
EDR 307 Foundations in Reading PK-4 (EGP 210)	3	_____
^EGP 322 Pre-Kindergarten Methods and Field Experiences (EGP 220) (W)	6	_____
EGP 326 Family and Community Relations (EGP 209, EGP 210) (J)	3	_____
LAN/ENG 382 Teaching English Language Learners (ELLs) PK-12 (credits are listed with Academic Foundations)		
EDR 345 Literacy Development and Students in Inclusive Classrooms (EDA 103; EDR 304, 307)	3	_____
ERM 353 Assessment for Learning—Early Grades (EGP 220) (E)	3	_____
MAT 351 Methods for Teaching Children Mathematics I (MAT 101, MAT 102)	3	_____
+EDA 303 Special Education: Processes & Procedures for General Educators (EDA 103)	2	_____
+EDT 349 Technology Tools to Transform Teaching and Learning	1	_____
+SCE 320 Science Methods for Grades PK-4 (Gen Ed MAT and Science)	3	_____
+EGP 335 Teaching Social Studies and Health in Early Grades	3	_____
^+EDR 317 Reading Instruction and Practicum (EGP 220, EDR 304 and 307)	6	_____
+EGP 400 Classroom Management (pre or coreq. EDR 317) (*EGP 400 is the only class allowed with student teaching)	3	_____
+EGP 402 Engaging Learners (EGP 322 or EDR 317) (W)	3	_____
^+EGP 410 and EGP 411 Student Teaching (all professional core coursework) (SE)	12	_____

Candidates attend pre-registration meetings scheduled one year before student teaching.

^ Field Clearances Required: Criminal Background, PA Child Abuse, FBI Fingerprinting, and tuberculosis test results; **Review class notes for required field times, and consult Department materials regarding placements and special conditions for field course sections.**

+ Teacher Candidacy required

W Writing Emphasis

J Diversity Course - to be completed at WCU; **I Interdisciplinary Course** - to be completed at WCU; **E Ethics Course**-to be completed at WCU; **SE Speaking Emphasis Course**-to be completed at WCU; () Courses listed in parentheses are prerequisites

Standardized Tests Required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)

Basic Skills tests: Complete before earning 48 credits—Recommended First Semester (see WCU CESW website for options)

PECT PK-4: Take before student teaching and pass for certification—3 modules: (8006) Child Development, Learning, and Assessment & Collaboration and Professionalism; (8007) Language and Literacy Development & Social Studies, Arts, and Humanities; (8008) Mathematics, Science, and Health