Transfer Requirements for the Elementary Education Program
School of Education
University of Michigan

If you intend to transfer from Washtenaw Community College to the Elementary Education Program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, you must have completed 54 transferable semester hours prior to enrollment. You are encouraged to work toward the completion of the School of Education’s general studies requirements, and be working toward completing a teaching major.

1. Complete 9 humanities credits including:
   a. ENG 111 (Composition I) 4 credit hours and ENG 226 (Composition II) 3 credit hours
   b. PHL 101 (Introduction to Philosophy) 3 credit hours or PHL 205 (Ethics) 3 credit hours or
      PHL 245 (Philosophy of Religion) 3 credit hours.
   c. optional electives: ENG 140, 160, 170, 181, 200, 211, 212, 213, 222; ARB 111, 122; FRN 111,
      122; GRM 111, 122; HUM 101-175; PHL 200; SPN 111, 122, 201, 202.

2. Complete 9 semester hours of natural science including:
   a. one 3 or 4 credit hour class in Biology,
   b. GLG 202 (Earth Science for elementary teachers) 4 credit hours.
   c. PHY 100 (Physics for elementary teachers) 4 credit hours.

3. Complete 9 credit hours of Social Science including:
   a. PSY 100 (Introductory Psychology) 3 credit hours,
   b. HIST 201 (United States History to 1877) 3 credit hours
   c. one elective: 3 or 4 credits of the following: ANT 201; ECO 211, 222; HST 121, 122, 150, 201, 202;
      PLS 112, 211; PSY 107, 150, 200, 257; SOC 100, 202, 205.

4. Complete one 4 credit hour of Mathematics: MTH 180 Pre-Calculus or MTH 160 Basic Statistics. Two
   additional U-M math classes are required for graduation MTH 148 and MTH 149 (UM’s Math 385 and
   Math 489).

5. Complete three courses (9 credit hours) in creative arts, physical education methods, health
   methods, and art or music methods.

6. Maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0. Experience with children, e.g., tutor, camp
counselor, coach, teacher aide or classroom volunteer is strongly recommended but not required.

7. Please use the Common Application to apply to the School of Education and also submit:
   a. Official transcripts from all high schools and colleges you have attended.
   b. 3 letters of recommendation: one from a college or university instructor who can address your
      academic abilities and two from individuals capable of assessing your ability and potential to
      become a successful teacher.
   c. An essay in which you respond to the following prompt. (500-1000 words): Some School
      districts have a lot of students who perform poorly on assessments. What do you think causes
      low performance? What role might you have as a teacher in helping students improve
      performance? In the essay identify two instructional practices that were used with you when
      you were in school—one that was effective and one that was ineffective. Explain why you
      think the one was effective and the other ineffective.
   d. A current resume that outlines work experience and history, particularly experience
      with children.
   e. SAT or ACT scores
The U-M School of Education fall application deadlines occur on **February 1st, March 11th, and April 29th**. Students are encouraged to submit completed applications on or before the first round priority deadline (**February 1**) in order to increase their access to scholarship opportunities. Students will receive scholarship information, including the scholarship application and deadline once they begin the application to the program.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to meet with a School of Education recruiter prior to applying. Please contact the School of Education at ask.soe@umich.edu or call (734) 615-1528 to schedule a phone or in-person appointment.

**Note**: Students who complete a teaching major in Music Education will be eligible to teach the major in kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12). These areas are considered secondary certification and students should apply directly to the School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

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