

Elementary Education Concentration (LAEL)

A Degree in Liberal Studies

This program satisfies the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Elementary Education Transfer Compact for transfer to a state college or university bachelor degree program. Elementary school teachers play a vital role in the development of children, introducing them to numbers, language, science, and social studies. They facilitate student learning through interactive class discussions, educational activities, "hands-on" learning, and one-on-one assistance. The need for qualified teachers continues to grow because of retirements, increasing student numbers, and demands for smaller class sizes.

Campus/format: This program can be completed during the day or evening at the Gardner Campus.

Helpful hints: Students should consult with a transfer advisor early to ensure that they choose a combination of liberal arts and education courses that transfer to the four-year colleges and universities of their choice.

Number	Suggested Course Order	Cr	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites/Notes
HIS105 <i>or</i> HIS106	Introduction to World Civilization I <i>or</i> II	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, or placement
ENG101	English Composition I	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
BIO109	General Biology I	4			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
CIS127	Computer Technologies	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
ENG102	English Composition II	3			ENG101
EDU101	Introduction to Education	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
EAS115 <i>or</i> EAS125 <i>or</i> PHY101	Biogeology: History of Life <i>or</i> Physical Geology of the Dynamic Earth <i>or</i> Introduction to Physical Science	4			ENG100, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, MAT096, or placement
THE113	Speech	3			ENG101
MAT160 <i>or</i> MAT143 <i>or</i> MAT140	College Math I <i>or</i> Statistics <i>or</i> Elements of Math	3			MAT 096 or placement
ENG235	Children's Literature	3			ENG102
HIS201 <i>or</i> HIS202	History of United States I <i>or</i> History of United States II	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, or placement
PER126/130	Health, Fitness, & Wellness Elective	2/3			Prerequisites: MAT092, RDG100, or placement Note: PER130 is recommended for transfer.
PSY108 <i>or</i> PSY110	General Elective: Child Development <i>or</i> Human Growth & Development (<i>Recommended</i>)	3			Electives: Select courses to fulfill requirements for the intended academic major at the four-year college to which you plan to transfer.
ART109, <i>or</i> ART110, <i>or</i> MUS103	Art History I <i>or</i> Art History II <i>or</i> Music Skills & Theory	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, or placement No Prerequisites
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Total: 61/62 credits					

Transfer options: This program qualifies for MassTransfer.* Completion of this program will meet the Massachusetts Elementary Education Transfer Compact (some restrictions apply; check with your advisor or transfer planning services). Transfer Agreements exist with Becker College, Charter Oak State College, and the University of Phoenix. A partnership exists with Amherst College. Visit MWCC's transfer planning services website: <http://transfer.mwcc.edu>.

Special requirements: Most four-year colleges and universities (including all Mass public institutions) require satisfactory completion of the Communication and Literacy section of the MA Tests of Educator Licensure (MTEL) prior to entrance to junior-level courses. The exam is NOT a prerequisite to enter MWCC's program. *Students may be able to transfer into bachelor degree education programs, but may not be able to take upper-level education courses until they pass the exam.* Technical standards must be met with or without accommodations.

Career options: After earning a bachelor's degree and meeting Mass Department of Education teacher requirements, graduates can pursue careers as teachers in grades 1-6.

Earning potential: \$42,812-\$60,831 per year, for an entry-level teacher with a bachelor's degree who has met Mass Department of Education requirements. Salaries increase substantially with experience and education level.

* See page 44 for MassTransfer information.

See page 129 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards.