

TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Northern Maine Community College & University of Maine Farmington

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from Northern Maine Community College (NMCC) to the University of Maine Farmington (UMF). It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at NMCC for admission eligibility to University of Maine Farmington and the degree program indicated.

Terms & Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

To: Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education, PreK -Grade 3 Certification, UMF
From: Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Education, NMCC

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned degrees from Northern Maine Community College shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as UMF students. All applicants accepted to University of Maine Farmington's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B & C.

Articulation Implementation and Agreement Review

The Chief Academic Officer designee of the collaborating institutions shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

Signatures to this Agreement

This agreement becomes effective September 1, 2023 and will be reviewed Spring 2026 for renewal discussion.

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APPENDIX A

Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution

This agreement includes specific requirements for admission into a program, outlines requirements, and indicates which degree or diploma can be used to meet program prerequisites as well as general education, major or program, and graduation requirements.

Admissions Requirements

Successful completion of the NMCC Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Education, submission of a completed admission application, application fee (currently waived), official transcripts from all colleges attended, and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to UMF, a student must earn a grade of C- or better.

For a list of application instructions and checklist: <https://www.umf.maine.edu/admissions-aid/>

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education, PreK to Grade 3 Certification

(See Appendix C)

The information contained in Appendices A, B & C is accurate for:

NMCC catalog year 2023-2024: [NMCC Catalog](#)

UMF catalog year 2023-2024: [UMF Catalog](#)

Residency Requirement

All students in baccalaureate degree programs must earn the following from the University of Maine at Farmington:

- 1) a minimum of 12 of the credits required by their major program(s) at the 200 level or above*
- 2) a minimum of 30 of the total required credits

*An academic program may require that more than 12 credits of advanced coursework and/or specific coursework, such as a capstone course, be completed at UMF.

Additional Institutional Contact Information

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Program Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education for PreK-Grade 3 Certification Program at UMF in addition to requirements satisfied by completion of NMCC's AAS in Early Childhood Education:

ECH 200 DEI Practices and Principles in Early Childhood Settings	3 credits
ECH 256 Creative Arts for the Young Child	3 credits
ECH 232 Social Science for the Young Child	3 credits
ECH 336 Development of Mathematical Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3 credits
ECH 384 Developing Science Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3 credits
ECH 440 Children, Families, and Communities	3 credits
ECH 450 Senior Seminar: Research in Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECH 460 Student Teaching and Seminar in Early Childhood Education preK-Gr. 3	15 credits

Advanced Level Courses - Select two

ECH 303 ACES and Trauma Informed Early Childhood Practice	3 credits
ECH 367 Leadership, Administration and Advocacy in Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECH 402 Diverse Programming in Early Childhood Environments	3 credits
ECH 403 Technology in Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECH 404 Guidance and Social Emotional Learning in Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECH 405 Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECH 419 Introduction to Nature-Based Education	3 credits
ECH 420 Planning Indoor & Nature-Based Environments for Young Children	3 credits
ECH 433 Advanced Theories of Learning and Child Development	3 credits
ECH 377 or 477 Special Topics in Early Childhood Education	3 credits

For the Birth-Kindergarten Program, additional courses are required. See the UMF catalog for Birth-Kindergarten Certification requirements.

APPENDIX B

Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

If courses in Appendix B are not taken at NMCC, the sequence represented in Appendix C might not be observed. Only courses in which a student has earned a grade of C- or higher are considered for transfer.

Transfer from A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education at Northern Maine Community College to B.S. in Early Childhood Education, PreK-Grade 3 at University of Maine Farmington

A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education at NMCC Required Courses	Credits	B.S. in Early Childhood Education at UMF Required Courses	Credits transferred
Semester I		Transfer classes to UMF	
ECE 101 Healthy Learning Environments	3	ECH 1XX Early Childhood Elective	3
ECE 105 Advancing Intellectual & Social Development	3	ECH 150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 192 Field Experience in Early Childhood Education I	3	ECH 1XX Early Childhood Elective	3
PSY 101 General Psychology	3	PSY 101 General Psychology	3
MAT Elective	3	MAT 100 Introduction to Mathematics	3
	15		15
Semester II			
ECE 120 Programmatic/Professional Development	3	ECH 1XX Elective	3
ECE 196 Field Experience in Early Childhood Education II	4	ECH 196 Practicum & Seminar in Early Childhood Education	4
ECE 200 Child Growth and Development	3	PSY 225S Child and Adolescent Development	3
ECE 205 Children's Literature	3	ECH 203 Children's Literature	3
ENG 111 English Composition	3	ENG 100 Writing Seminar	3
	16		16
Semester III			
BIO 115 General Biology	4	BIO 110 Introductory Biology	4
CIS 113 Intro to Microcomputer Apps	3	GEL 1XX General Elective	3
COM 111 Speech	3	GEL 1XX General Elective	3
ECE 210 Child Guidance/Discipline	3	ECH 2XX Early Childhood Elective	3
ECE 230 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Birth-3)	3	ECH 250 Infants and Toddlers: Development and Care	3
	16		16
Semester IV			
ENG 226 Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 181 Literary Analysis and Interpretation	3
ECE 197 Field Experience in Early Childhood Education III	5	ECH 2XX Elective	5
ECE 220 Education of Children with Special Needs	3	ECS 103 Supporting Children in Inclusive Settings	3
ECE 235 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (ages 3-8)	3	ECH 2XX Early Childhood Elective	3
SOC 111 Sociology	3	SOC 101S Intro to Sociology	3
	17		17
Total Credit Hour Requirements	64		64

Note: A course grade of C- or higher is needed for a course to transfer to UMF. After transfer a grade of B- or higher is needed in all Early Childhood professional courses; a grade of C or higher is needed for ENG 101 to satisfy UMF's Early Childhood Education program requirements.

General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education at UMF:

General education courses must total 40 credits. In addition to requirements satisfied by completion of NMCC's AAS in Early Childhood Education, UMF students must take additional courses, including:

- One additional natural science course, with a lab, chemistry, environmental science, geology or physics. Courses in two different science disciplines are required at UMF;
- One additional social science course. Courses in three different social science disciplines are required at UMF. (If pursuing Birth-Kindergarten, State 081 Certification, one of the social sciences must be from the state approved list: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology; If pursuing the preK-Grade 3 , State 029 certification, two courses must be from the state approved list);
- One arts course in art, art history, music, music history, or theater;
- An advanced writing course
- One additional mathematics course for students pursuing preK-Grade 3 Certification;

Professional Education Requirements:

To enroll in professional education courses at the 300 level or above students must earn Candidacy in Education, which includes achieving some specific course grades (see note on page 4), completing all required practica with satisfactory professional dispositions, and having a 2.75 GPA overall in UMF courses.

Prior to Student Teaching and for teacher certification, students in the Early Childhood Education Program PreK to Grade 3 must:

- complete all required UMF professional education courses with grades of B- or higher,
- achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, and
- be fingerprinted and have a Criminal History Record Check.

UMF Graduation Credit Requirement:

Total credits needed for graduation from UMF: 120 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.

APPENDIX C

Remaining UMF Degree Requirements: PreK-Grade 3 Certification

NMCC AA Early Childhood graduates to complete the BS in Early Childhood Education, PreK-Grade 3 based on student entering with 64 transfer credits

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 296 Practicum & Seminar in Pre-K to Grade 3 Education	3	ECH 305 Early Literacy, Emergent Reading, and Writing	3
Natural Science (not Biology)	4	ECH 384 Developing Science Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3
ECH 232 Social Science for the Young Child	3	ECH 256 Creative Arts for the Young Child	3
ECH 200 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices and Principles in Early Childhood Settings	3	ECH 440 Children, Families, and Communities	3
ECH 205 Advanced Writing	3	ECH Upper Level Elective	3
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	15

May/Summer Term	
Course	Credit
General Education Elective or Math 103/Math 104	3
Social Science (Different Discipline)	3
Total May/Summer Credits	6

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 450 Senior Seminar: Research in Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 460 Student Teaching and Seminar in Early Childhood Education Pre-K-3	15
ECH 336 Development of Mathematical Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3		
ECH Upper Level Elective	3		
Arts General Education	3		
SED 300 Including Students with Exceptionalities in General Education	3		
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15
Total credits: 67			

Total NMCC and UMF Credits: 131
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