

TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Washington County 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 Washington County Community College (WCCC) to the University of Maine Farmington (UMF). It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at WCCC 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, Birth to Kindergarten Certification, UMF
From: Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Education, WCCC

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 Washington County Community College shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

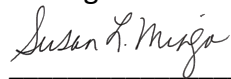



Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as UMF students. All applicants accepted to University of Maine Farmington's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices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

 _____ Susan L. Mingo President, WCCC	Dec 21, 2023 Date	 _____ Joseph McDonnell (Dec 21, 2023 16:08 EST) Joseph McDonnell President, UMF	Dec 21, 2023 Date
 _____ Darin L. McGaw (Dec 14, 2023 16:40 EST) Darin McGaw Academic Dean, WCCC	Dec 14, 2023 Date	 _____ Katherine Yardley Co-Provost & Dean of Education, Health and Rehabilitation, UMF	Dec 21, 2023 Date

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 WCCC 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, Birth-Kindergarten Certification (See Appendix C)

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

WCCC catalog year 2023-2024: [WCCC 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 Birth to Kindergarten Certification at UMF in addition to requirements satisfied by completion of WCCC'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 490 Student Teaching and Seminar in Early Childhood Education B-K	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 477 Special Topics in Early Childhood Education	1 to 3 credits variable

For PreK to Grade 3 Certification, additional courses are required. See the UMF catalog for PreK to Grade 3 Certification requirements.

APPENDIX B

Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

If courses in Appendix B are not taken at WCCC, 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 AAS in Early Childhood Education at Washington County Community College to BS in Early Childhood Education, Birth to Kindergarten at University of Maine Farmington

A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education at WCCC Required Courses	Credits	B.S. in Early Childhood Education at UMF	Credits transferred
Semester I		Transfer Classes to UMF	
ECE 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 101 College Composition	3	ENG 100 Writing Seminar	3
PSY 190 Child and Adolescent Development	3	PSY 225 Child & Adolescent Development	3
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 101 General Psychology	3
EDU 180 Children’s Literature	3	ECH 203 Children’s Literature	3
FYE 100 First Year Experience	1	GEL 1XX General Elective	1
Semester II			
ECE 104 Professional Development in Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 1XX Early Childhood Elective	3
EDU 185 Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood	3	ECH 1XX Early Childhood Elective	3
Math Elective of MAT 112 or above	3	MAT XXX Math General Education	3
SED 220 Education of Young Children with Special Needs	3	ECS 103 Introduction to Teaching Early Childhood Special Education	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
Semester III			
BIO 120 General Biology	4	BIO 110 Introductory Biology	4
ECE 210 Child Guidance and Discipline	3	ECH 2XX Early Childhood Elective	3
ECE 230 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Birth to Age 3)	3	ECH 250 Infants and Toddlers: Development and Care	3
EDU 197 Field Experience in Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 196 Practicum & Seminar in Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 107 Speech	3	GEL 1XX General Elective	3
Semester IV			
ECE 235 Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Ages 3-8)	3	ECH 2XX Early Childhood Elective	3
EDU 280 Internship in Early Childhood Education	6	*ECH 296 Practicum and Seminar in Pre-K to Grade 3 Education ECH 2XX Early Childhood Elective	3 3
Approved Education Elective	3	Education Elective	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (Recommend ART 105 Drawing for Beginners)	3	ART 115 Drawing I	3
Total Credit Hour Requirements	62		62

Additional courses at WCCC may meet general education requirements—see current course equivalency tables on Mainstreet at <https://mainstreet.maine.edu>

Note: A course grade of C- or higher is needed for a course to transfer to UMF. A grade of C or higher is needed for ENG 100, and after transfer, a grade of B- or higher is needed in all Early Childhood Education professional education courses to satisfy UMF’s Early Childhood Education program requirements

Note #2: If students do not complete the recommended courses, they will need to work with their UMF advisor to ensure that General Education requirements are met.

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 WCCC's AAS in Early Childhood Education, UMF students must take additional courses, including:

- One additional natural science course, with a lab, in biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology or physics. Courses in two different science disciplines are required at UMF;
- One or two additional social science courses. 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; students pursuing the preK-Grade 3 Certification need a 2nd English course to meet state requirements and this course can fulfill the requirement;
- One additional mathematics course for students pursuing preK-Grade 3 Certification;
- While UMF requires a course in Physical Education or Health, students transferring in with 60 or more credits are exempt.

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 above), 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 Birth to Kindergarten 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: Birth-Kindergarten

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ENG 205 Advanced Writing	3	ECH 204 Early Language and Literacy Development	3
Natural Science General Education (different discipline)	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
General Education Elective (or Arts General Education course if not taken at community college)	3	ECH Upper Level Elective	3
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	15

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 450 Senior Seminar: Research in Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 490 Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education B-K	15
ECH 336 Development of Mathematical Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3		
ECH Upper Level Elective	3		
Social Science General Education (3 rd discipline)	3		
General Education Elective	3		
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15
Total credits: 61			

Total UMF credits: 61
Total WCCC credits: 62
Total WCCC and UMF credits: 123