

Degree Guidance Sheet
Early Grades Preparation—Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 4

For Freshpersons Entering West Chester University beginning Fall 2009
 120 Credits (yellow)

I. ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS (18 credits)	Course	Credits	Grade	
	English Composition	WRT 120	3	_____
		WRT (200, 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220)	3	_____
	Mathematics	MAT 101 (Math for Teachers of Children I)	3	_____
	Communications	SPK (208 or 230)	3	_____
	Diverse Communities	^LAN/ENG 382 (J)	3	_____
	Interdisciplinary	EDF 255	3	_____

II. DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS (21credits)

Science:

The Carbon Cycle	SCI 101	3	_____
Electricity with Physical and Biological Applications	SCI 102	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. BIO 102 and ESS 102 are considered "I" courses and will not be accepted as meeting the science requirements.)

Behavioral and Social Sciences:

ANT, ECO, PSC, GEO, PSY, SOC	GEO 101 is required	3	_____
	PSC 100 is preferred	3	_____

Humanities:

History	an American History survey course is required HIS 150 is preferred	3	_____
Literature	LIT 219 is required	3	_____

The ARTS (3 credits):

Art, Cinematography, Dance, Music, Theater or Photography	MDA 240 is required	3	_____
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III. ELECTIVES (9 credits)

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IV. WRITING EMPHASIS COURSES (3)

The following program requirements will meet the writing emphasis requirement: (This is tentative and subject to approval.)
 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

Formal Admission to Teacher Education Requirements: 48 earned college level credits; 2.8 cumulative GPA; Pass Praxis PPST Examinations; 6 earned credits in college-level English composition and literature; 6 earned credits in college-level mathematics; twenty hours of preapproved, unpaid community service; Departmental approval. 3.0 GPA at completion to qualify for PDE certification.

PROFESSIONAL CORE COURSES FOR PK-4 CANDIDATES (60 credits plus 12 credits of student teaching)

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 (EGP 209)	3	_____
EDA 103 Foundations of Special Education	3	_____
^EGP 220 Theory and Field Experience in the Early Grades (EGP 209, EGP 210) (W)	3	_____
EDR 304 Teaching Language Arts PK-4 (EGP 220) (W)	3	_____
EDR 307 Foundations in Reading PK-4 (EGP 220)	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	_____
EDP 353 Assessment for Learning—Early Grades (3)	3	_____
+EDA 303 Special Education: Processes and Procedures for General Educators (EDA 103)	2	_____
+EDM 349 Technology Tools to Transform Teaching and Learning	1	_____
MAT 351 Methods for Teaching Children Mathematics I (MAT 101, MAT 102)	3	_____
+SCE 320 Science Methods for Grades PK-4 (prerequisites Gen Ed MAT and Science)	3	_____
+EGP 335 Teaching Social Studies and Health in Early Grades	3	_____
^+EDR 317 Reading Instruction and Practicum (prereqs. EGP 220, EDR 304 and 307)	6	_____
+EGP 400 Classroom Management (pre or coreq. EDR 317)	3	_____
+EGP 402 Engaging Learners (pre or coreq. EDR 317) (W)	3	_____
^+EGP 410 and EGP 411 Student Teaching (all professional core coursework)	12	_____

^ Field Clearances Required
 + Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE) required
 W Writing Emphasis (pending approval)
 J Diversity Course (pending approval)
 I Interdisciplinary Course (pending approval)
 () courses listed in parentheses are prerequisites

PRAXIS SERIES TESTS REQUIRED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PRAXIS I : Complete by Sophomore Status (passing scores required for Formal Admission to Teacher Education--FATE)
 10710 PPST Reading 10730 PPST Math 20720 PPST Writing
PRAXIS II: Not Yet Determined by Pennsylvania Department of Education