



**Holyoke Community College (HCC), Holyoke, MA, and the
College of Our Lady of the Elms (Elms College), Chicopee, MA**

ACADEMIC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

- Education - Early Education and Care, Birth to Age 8, Liberal Studies, A.S. at HCC, and Early Childhood Education, PK-2 B.A. at Elms College
- Education - Early Childhood Education, Grades PreK-2, Liberal Studies A.S. at HCC, and Early Childhood Education, PreK-2, B.A. at Elms College
- Education - Elementary Education, Grades 1-6, Liberal Studies, A.S. at HCC and Elementary Education, 1-6, B.A. at Elms College
- Education - Secondary Education Option, Grades 5-12 and Specializations, Arts and Science, A.A. at HCC and Secondary Education, 5-12 and 8-12 Specializations, B.A. at Elms College

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement for the transfer of Holyoke Community College graduates from Education A.A. degree programs into Elms College Education B.A. degree programs.

Objectives of this Agreement:

1. To attract and promote a seamless transition for qualified candidates from Holyoke Community College (HCC) to matriculate in the Education programs offered by the Elms College Division of Education.
2. To provide HCC advisors and Education faculty, and academic staff with program information and procedural guidelines for students at HCC who plan to enroll in Education programs at Elms College.
3. To encourage academic coordination, collaboration, and joint academic advising between the faculty at HCC and Elms College.

Stipulations of this Agreement:

1. This articulation agreement will be in effect for five years, with an option to renew for an additional five years by consent of Holyoke Community College and Elms College. This articulation agreement can be reviewed within 90 days after written notice by either party.
2. This articulation agreement shall be in force and shall be considered the entire agreement until

superseded by a formal contract between Elms College and Holyoke Community College that explicitly replaces this agreement.

3. This agreement will apply to Holyoke Community College transfer students who have completed an Associate's degree.
4. This agreement guarantees that students who earn an Education A.A. degree from HCC will enter an Elms College Education B.A. program with up to 75 transfer credits, if available. All additional courses taken to satisfy major requirements must meet the standards set by Elms College.
5. At the time of application to Elms, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students are strongly encouraged, but not required, to maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA and are highly encouraged to have passed the Communication and Literacy portion of the MTEL (Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure) prior to admission.
6. Part-time and full-time students designated above will be accepted to Third Year status at Elms College.
7. Transfer students to Elms College Education programs may transfer up to a maximum of 75 credits for which students have achieved a "C" grade or better within the past 10 years. Elms College requires that a minimum of 45 credits be earned as a matriculated student at Elms College.
8. HCC students will be given transfer credit for satisfactorily completing Elms College core requirements, general education requirements, and any acceptable equivalent Education program requirements, up to the maximum allowed for transfer or necessary to satisfy graduation requirements. See the attached list of courses accepted for Elms College transfer credit that meet the core and major requirements of the Elms College B.A. Education programs.
9. The final acceptance of applicants is determined by the Assistant VP of Undergraduate Admissions.
10. The VPs of Academic Affairs at HCC and Elms College may modify the attached list of courses accepted for transfer credit to Elms College without renegotiating the entire agreement.

Mutual Responsibilities:

1. Holyoke Community College and Elms College will list this articulation agreement on their respective websites and in appropriate print materials.
2. Holyoke Community College and Elms College will collaborate in encouraging qualified students to participate in Education programs at Elms College by providing the necessary assistance and support to ensure a seamless transition between the two institutions.
3. The Transfer Counselor, academic advisors, and faculty at HCC will provide guidance to students enrolled in Education programs at HCC. The Chair and faculty of Elms College Education programs, along with staff from the Admissions Office, will advise and assist transfer applicants in compiling the required credentials for transfer to Elms College.
4. Transfer applicants from Holyoke Community College, applying under this agreement, shall be eligible for Elms College financial aid consideration, as appropriate, based on their full-time or part-time status.

Date: TBD

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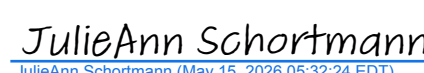
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Attachment A—Elms College Education Licensure Program Requirements

Elms College education programs prepare students for initial teacher licensure in accordance with the Regulations for Educator Licensure and Preparation Program Approval of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The initial license qualifies candidates to begin teaching in Massachusetts and more than 40 states, islands, and territories that are part of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Compact.

Admission to Teacher Education:

To be eligible for admission to the Education Division, students must meet the following requirements:

- Successful completion of pre-education coursework with no grade lower than a C.
- Successful completion of required MTELs (Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure) for the desired license.
- The vote of the faculty of the Education Division, considering all of the above, in addition to the student's disposition, and promise as a future teacher.

Education Department Requirements for Initial Licensure:

- Passing score on the Communication and Literacy Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL) tests.
- Appropriate coursework and fieldwork in education for the license sought.
- Passing score on the MTEL in subject matter knowledge appropriate to the license sought for student teaching placement (secondary licensure, ESL)
- Passing score on the MTEL Foundations of Reading test for student teaching placement (for early childhood, elementary, and teacher of students with moderate disabilities candidates).
- Minimum GPA of 2.80 for student teaching placement.
- Evidence of current completion of an approved first aid/C.P.R. course prior to attending a meeting for student teaching placement.
- Recommendation by the Education Department for student teaching placement.
- Successful completion of the practicum (student teaching experience).

Attachment B-Early Childhood PK-2 B.A. Program at Elms College
Transfer Option for HCC students pursuing an Early Education and Care Program

The Early Childhood Education program at Elms College prepares future educators for **initial licensure in grades PreK–2 in Massachusetts**. Candidates draw on state curriculum frameworks to design standards-based lessons and coherent units of study. The program emphasizes a deep understanding of typical and atypical child development, enabling candidates to create inclusive, developmentally appropriate instruction across all content areas through play and active learning. Students learn to collaborate effectively with children, families, colleagues, and specialists; establish safe, engaging, and well-managed classrooms; and reflect on practice to support continuous professional growth. Graduates meet all state licensure standards in communication, literacy, subject matter knowledge, and instructional performance.

Elms College students are competent, compassionate educators who understand their legal and ethical responsibilities to all children and actively collaborate with colleagues, families, and community partners to support student learning. They engage in critical reflection on their teaching practice to identify areas for continued professional growth. Through rigorous coursework and meaningful fieldwork in local schools, Elms College candidates are well prepared to meet the demands of the profession.

Program Prerequisites: An associate degree with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and at least 60 credits for transfer with third-year status.

A total of 120 earned college credits is required to receive a bachelor's degree. You must earn at least 45 credits at Elms College. Up to 75 credits may be transferred from an accredited college or university.

PLA (Prior Learning Assessment): A maximum of 9 credits can be earned through the Prior Learning Assessment process by demonstrating successful learning outcomes through life and work experience.

Required courses for the B.A. in Early Childhood, PK-2, at Elms College and HCC course equivalencies
This is for HCC students who are pursuing an Early Education and Care degree at HCC and want to transfer
to Elms for an Early Childhood License

Note: This is a suggested plan and sequence; however, the course order may change due to course offerings and student circumstances.

Elms Course Sequence		HCC Transfer Course	
Year 1 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	General Education Core Program Requirements Core Electives No equivalency. Will be extra credits These courses are taken throughout the time at HCC, not during a specific semester or year. Dictated by HCC advising course sequence	Credits
EDU 1000 Intro to Schooling & Education (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 101 Intro Early Childhood	3
MAT 1002 Number & Operations	3	MTH 125 Number Systems	3
EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 104 Children's Development and Behavior	3
Foreign Language I	3	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with ENG 101 Composition I	3
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar	3	Waived transfer, replace with ANT 114 (b) Understanding Diversity and Valuing Similarities	3
Year 1 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waive if C and L MTEL replace EDU 217 Infant and Toddler Development, Learning, and Care	3
MAT 1014 Geometry & Measurement	3		
BIO 1005 Human Applications (or BIO 1204 General Biology II)	3	BIO 101: General Biology for Non-Majors: The Processes of Life (Covers the Laboratory Science Elective)	4
ENG 1001 Rhetoric	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
Foreign Language II	3	EDU 120 Guiding Children's Behavior	3
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing</i>			
Year 2 – Fall (16 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in Education	3
HIS 1005 Early American History	3		
PHY 1002 Physical Science & Lab (4 credits)	4	Laboratory Science Elective	4
English Literature	3		
Elective	3	EDU 113 Children, Families, Schools, and Communities	3
Year 2 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3704 Issues of Diversity in Children's Lit.	3	EDU 202 Culturally Sustaining Practices in Education	3

EDU 3002 Social Studies and Science Methods	3		
EDU 3004 Methods of Math Instruction (5 hrs.)	3		
EDU 3201 Curr. for E.C. Inclusion Settings (20 hrs.)	3	EDU 210 Curriculum	3
Religion	3		
		HSV 141 Foundations of Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care/Services	3
By the end of summer: Pass Early Childhood MTEL & Gateway Task 1			

Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
EDU 4908 Language & Literacy Develop. I (5 hrs.)	3		
Art/Music/Dance/Theater (3 credits)	3		
Philosophy PHI or ETH	3		
Elective	3	EDU 118 Practicum in Early Childhood Care	4
Year 3 - Spring (14 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3101 Writing Workshop	3		
EDU 3402 Assessment of Students (5 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4909 Language & Literacy Develop. II (5 hrs.)	3		
Physical Education (2 credits)	2	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with EDU 203 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Young Children	3
Sociology	3		
By the end of summer: Pass Foundations of Reading MTEL			

Checklist for Pre-Practicum Eligibility:

(Except in very rare cases, the Pre-Practicum should be completed in the semester before the Practicum.)

Completed the required coursework to date (or is registered to do so.)

Passed Gateway 1

Passed C & L Reading & Writing subtests

Scores reported for Early Childhood by advising appointment the semester prior to pre-prac

Scores reported for Foundations of Reading MTEL by the first day of classes of the pre-practicum semester or will be removed from pre-practicum

Year 4 – Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4203 Pre-Practicum (60 hrs.) (5 credits)	5		
EDU 4204 Pre-Practicum Seminar (1 credit)	1		
EDU 4308 Culturally Responsive Classroom Management	3		
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hrs.)	3		
Elective	3	EDU 213 Student Teaching Practicum	4
By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 2			

Checklist for Practicum Eligibility:

Passed Gateway 1 & 2

Completed or waived ALL **required** courses (including SEI endorsement)

Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher

Due by practicum placement paperwork deadline (mid-April for fall practicum, mid-November for spring):

Attend the practicum placement meeting

Passing scores on **ALL** required MTELS

Current First Aid/CPR Certification

Completed placement paperwork

Year 4 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Plan	Final Grade	Transfer Notes
EDU 3600 Practicum Seminar (3 credits)	3		
EDU 4200A Early Childhood Initial Practicum (400 hrs.) (14 weeks/12 credits)	12		
			Total HCC Transfer Credits: 60 (3 credits have no Elms equivalent)

MTEL/Gateway Status:

C & L: Reading (Take after EDU 1008)	
C & L Writing (Take after EDU 1008)	
Early Childhood (Take after EDU 3201)	
Foundations of Reading (Take after EDU 4908 & 4909)	
Gateway 1 (Complete in EDU 3004)	
Gateway 2 (Complete in pre-practicum)	

Attachment C-Early Childhood PK-2 B.A. Program at Elms College

Transfer Option

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Program Prerequisites: An associate degree with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and at least 60 credits for transfer with third-year status.

A total of 120 earned college credits is required to receive a bachelor's degree. You must earn at least 45 credits at Elms College. Up to 75 credits may be transferred from an accredited college or university.

PLA (Prior Learning Assessment): A maximum of 9 credits can be earned through the Prior Learning Assessment process by demonstrating successful learning outcomes through life and work experience.

Required courses for the B.A. in Early Childhood, PK-2, at Elms College and HCC course equivalencies

Note: This is a suggested plan and sequence, but course order may change due to course offerings and student circumstances.

Elms Course Sequence		HCC Transfer Course	
Year 1 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	General Education Core Program Requirements Core Electives No equivalency. Will be extra credits These courses are taken throughout the time at HCC, not during a specific semester or year. Dictated by HCC advising course sequence	Credits
EDU 1000 Intro to Schooling & Education (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 100 Education in America (10 hrs)	3

MAT 1002 Number & Operations	3	MTH 125 Number Systems	3
EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 104 Children's Development and Behavior or PSY 214	3
Foreign Language I	3	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with ENG 101 Composition I	3
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar	3	Waived transfer, replace with EDU 120 Guiding Child Behavior	3
Year 1 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waive if C and L MTEL and replace with a humanities elective	3
MAT 1014 Geometry & Measurement	3		
BIO 1005 Human Applications (or BIO 1204 General Biology II)	3	BIO 101: General Biology for Non-Majors: The Processes of Life	4
ENG 1001 Rhetoric	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
Foreign Language II	3	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with MAT 135 Patterns, Reasoning, and Algebra	3
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing</i>			
Year 2 – Fall (16 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in EDU (10 hrs)	3
HIS 1005 Early American History	3	HIS 111, History of the US 1	3
PHY 1002 Physical Science & Lab (4 credits)	4	Laboratory Science Elective-Must choose a physical science lab to count as an equivalent to PHY 1002	3
English Literature	3		
Elective	3	EDU 101 Intro Early Childhood	3
Year 2 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3704 Issues of Diversity in Children's Lit.	3	EDU 202 Culturally Sustaining Practices in Education	3
EDU 3002 Social Studies and Science Methods	3		
EDU 3004 Methods of Math Instruction (5 hrs.)	3		
EDU 3201 Curr. for E.C. Inclusion Settings (20 hrs.)	3	EDU 210 Curriculum	3
Religion	3		
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Early Childhood MTEL & Gateway Task 1</i>			

Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
EDU 4908 Language & Literacy Develop. I (5 hrs.)	3		
Art/Music/Dance/Theater (3 credits)	3		
Philosophy PHI or ETH	3	HCC Humanities Elective	3
Elective	3	EDU 213 Student Teaching	6 (3 over)

Year 3 - Spring (14 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3101 Writing Workshop	3		
EDU 3402 Assessment of Students (5 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4909 Language & Literacy Develop. II (5 hrs.)	3		
Physical Education (2 credits)	2	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with EDU 175 MTEL	1
Sociology	3		
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Foundations of Reading MTEL</i>			

Checklist for Pre-Practicum Eligibility:

(Except in very rare cases, the Pre-Practicum should be completed in the semester before the Practicum.)

Completed the required coursework to date (or is registered to do so).

Passed Gateway 1

Passed C & L Reading & Writing subtests

Scores reported for Early Childhood by advising appointment the semester prior to pre-prac

Scores reported for Foundations of Reading MTEL by the first day of classes of the pre-practicum semester or will be removed from pre-practicum

Year 4 – Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4203 Pre-Practicum (60 hrs.) (5 credits)	5		
EDU 4204 Pre-Practicum Seminar (1 credit)	1		
EDU 4308 Culturally Responsive Classroom Management	3		
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hrs.)	3		
Elective	3	GEO 110 World Regional Geography	3
<i>By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 2</i>			

Checklist for Practicum Eligibility:

Passed Gateway 1 & 2

Completed or waived ALL **required** courses (including SEI endorsement)

Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher

Due by practicum placement paperwork deadline (mid-April for fall practicum, mid-November for spring):

Attend the practicum placement meeting

Passing scores on **ALL** required MTELS

Current First Aid/CPR Certification

Completed placement paperwork

Year 4 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Plan	Final Grade	Transfer Notes
EDU 3600 Practicum Seminar (3 credits)	3		

EDU 4200A Early Childhood Initial Practicum (400 hrs.) (14 weeks/12 credits)	12			Total HCC Credits: 60 (3 credits over)
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MTEL/Gateway Status:

C & L: Reading (Take after EDU 1008)	
C & L Writing (Take after EDU 1008)	
Early Childhood (Take after EDU 3201)	
Foundations of Reading (Take after EDU 4908 & 4909)	
Gateway 1 (Complete in EDU 3004)	
Gateway 2 (Complete in pre-practicum)	

Attachment D-Elementary Education B.A. Program at Elms College

Transfer Option

The Elementary Education program at Elms College prepares future educators for **initial licensure in grades 1–6 in Massachusetts**. Candidates use state curriculum frameworks to design standards-based lessons and coherent units of study. The program emphasizes a balanced approach to reading and writing, with elementary candidates employing a variety of effective instructional strategies across all content areas to support diverse learners.

Elms College students are competent, compassionate educators who understand their legal and ethical responsibilities to all children and actively collaborate with colleagues, families, and community partners to support student learning. They engage in critical reflection on their teaching practice to identify areas for continued professional growth. Through rigorous coursework and meaningful fieldwork in local schools, Elms College candidates are well prepared to meet the demands of the profession.

Program Prerequisites: An associate degree with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and at least 60 credits for transfer with third-year status.

A total of 120 earned college credits is required to receive a bachelor's degree. You must earn at least 45 credits at Elms College. Up to 75 credits may be transferred from an accredited college or university.

PLA (Prior Learning Assessment): A maximum of 9 credits can be earned through the Prior Learning Assessment process by demonstrating successful learning outcomes through life and work experience.

Required courses for the B.A. in Elementary Education, 1-6, at Elms College and HCC course equivalencies

Note: This is a suggested plan and sequence; however, the course order may change due to course offerings and student circumstances.

Elms Course Sequence		HCC Transfer Course	
Year 1 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	General Education Core Program Requirements Core Electives No equivalency. Will be extra credits These courses are taken throughout the time at HCC, not during a specific semester or year. Dictated by HCC advising course sequence	Credits
EDU 1000 Intro to Schooling & Education (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 100 Education in America (10 hrs)	3
MAT 1002 Number & Operations	3	MTH 125 Number Systems	3
EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 104 Children's Development and Behavior or PSY 214	3
HIS 1000 World History to 1500	3	HIS 101 (History of Western Civ I)	3
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar	3	Waived transfer, replace with EDU 120 Guiding Child Behavior	3
Year 1 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waived if C and L MTEL are passed. Replace with an HCC Humanities Elective	3
MAT 1014 Geometry & Measurement			
BIO 1005 Human Applications (or BIO 1204 General Biology II)	3	BIO 101: General Biology for Non-Majors: The Processes of Life	4
ENG 1001 Rhetoric	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
Sociology or Economics			
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing</i>			
Year 2 – Fall (16 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in EDU (10 hrs)	3
MAT 1024 Algebra & Fractions	3	MAT 135 Patterns, Reasoning, and Algebra	3
HIS 1005 Early American History	3	HIS 111, History of the US 1	3
PHY 1002 Physical Science & Lab (4 credits)	4	Laboratory Science Elective: Choose a Physical Science elective at HCC	4
Elective	3	EDU 260 Foundations of Teaching	3
Year 2 - Spring (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits

EDU 3002 Social Studies and Science Methods	3		
EDU 3004 Methods of Math Instruction (5 hrs.)	3		
ENG 1303 Critical Approaches to Literature	3		
HIS 1006 Modern American History	3	HIS 112 His of the US II (as 1 of the 2 program electives)	3
Religion	3		
By the end of summer: Pass General Curriculum MTEL (Math/Sci & ELA/Hist) & Gateway Task 1			

Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3403 Models of Inclusion (5 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
EDU 4908 Foundations of Reading I (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 271 Intro to Teaching Reading and Writing	3
Foreign Language I	3	Waived for AA transfer, PSY 110 Introduction to Psychology as an elective	3
Philosophy PHI or ETH	3		
Year 3 - Spring (17 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3101 Writing Workshop	3		
EDU 3704 Issues of Diversity in Children's Literature	3	EDU 202 Foundations of Multicultural Education/Culturally Sustaining Practices in Education	3
EDU 4909 Foundations of Reading II (5 hrs.)	3		
Art/Music/Dance/Theater (3 credits)	3	Take a Fine Arts at HCC year 2 (as the 2nd of 2 program electives)	3
Foreign Language II	3	Waived for AA transfer, replace with ENG 101 Composition I	3
Physical Education (2 credits)	2		
By the end of summer: Pass Foundations of Reading MTEL			

Year 4 – Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4203 Pre-Practicum (60 hrs..) (5 credits)	5		
EDU 4204 Pre-Practicum Seminar (1 credit)	1		
EDU 4308 No Fault Classroom Management	3		
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hrs.)	3		
One 3-credit course, if needed		EDU 175 MTEL	1
By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 2			

Attachment E - Secondary Education B.A. Program at Elms College Transfer Option

The Secondary Education program at Elms College prepares future educators for **initial Massachusetts licensure in English and History (grades 5–12) and Biology and Mathematics (grades 8–12)**.

Candidates use state curriculum frameworks to design standards-based lessons and coherent sequences of instruction grounded in effective pedagogy. The program emphasizes high expectations, meaningful assessment, and inclusive classroom practices that promote equity, engagement, and student motivation. Graduates are prepared to collaborate professionally with colleagues, families, and students while maintaining strong subject-area expertise and a commitment to relationship-centered teaching.

Elms College students are competent, compassionate educators who understand their legal and ethical responsibilities to all children and actively collaborate with colleagues, families, and community partners to support student learning. They engage in critical reflection on their teaching practice to identify areas for continued professional growth. Through rigorous coursework and meaningful fieldwork in local schools, Elms College candidates are well prepared to meet the demands of the profession.

Program Prerequisites: An associate degree with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and at least 60 credits for transfer with third-year status.

A total of 120 earned college credits is required to receive a bachelor's degree. You must earn at least 45 credits at Elms College. Up to 75 credits may be transferred from an accredited college or university.

PLA (Prior Learning Assessment): A maximum of 9 credits can be earned through the Prior Learning Assessment process by demonstrating successful learning outcomes through life and work experience.

Required courses for the B.A. in Secondary Education, Biology (8-12) at Elms College and HCC course equivalencies

Note: This is a suggested plan and sequence, but course order may change due to course offerings and student circumstances

Elms Course Sequence		HCC Transfer Course	
Year 1 - Fall for traditional students	Credits	General Education Core Program Requirements Core Electives No equivalency. Will be extra credits These courses are taken throughout the time at HCC, not during a specific semester or year. Dictated by HCC advising course sequence	Credits
EDU 1000 Intro to Schooling & Education (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 100 Education in America (10 hrs)	3
EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3		
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar	3	Waived, replace with PSY 218 Adolescent Psychology	3
BIO 1100 Environmental Biology	3		
BIO 1203 General Biology I plus lab	4	BIO 107 General Biology I	4
Year 1 - Spring	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waived if C and L MTEL are passed. Replace with 1 of 2 Humanities Elective HCC	3
ENG 1001 Rhetoric	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
BIO 3001 Developmental Biology plus lab	4		
Math (1008 or above)	3	Mathematics Elective above 1008	3
BIO 1204 General Biology II plus lab	4	BIO 108 General Biology II (1 of 4 bio electives)	4
By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing			
Year 2 – Fall	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in EDU (10 hrs)	3
Foreign Language I	3	Waived for AA transfer, HIS 111 or 112	3
Literature	3		
CHE 1201 General Chemistry I plus lab	4	CHM 121 Chemistry for Science and Engineering Students I (4 of 4 bio elective)	4
PHY 1005 General Physics I plus lab	4		
Year 2 - Spring	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3403 Models of Inclusion (5 hrs.)	3		
Foreign Language II	3	Waived for AA transfer, replace with HCC elective ENG 101 Comp I (covers Elms College Writing if needed by student or could be an elective)	3

PHY 1006 General Physics II plus lab	4		
Physical Education	2	Waived for AA transfer students PSY 110 Introduction to Psychology	3
CHE 1202 General Chemistry II plus lab	4	CHM 124 Chemistry for Science and Engineering Students II (3 of 4 bio electives)	4

Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3700 Middle & Secondary Methods (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
Philosophy PHI/ETH	3	HCC Humanities Elective with a Philosophy or Ethics elective (2 of 2 Humanities)	3
BIO 3201 Genetics plus lab	4	HCC Arts and Science Elective (1 of 2)(recommend taking BIO 223 Genetics)	3
CHE 2101 Organic Chemistry I plus lab	4	CHM 221 Organic Chemistry I (2 of 4 bio electives)	4

By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 1

Year 3 - Spring	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3300 Mid. & Sec. Culture & Curriculum (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4309 Literacy Across Disciplines (all but ENG) or EDU 4302 Str. Readers Mid/Sec (ENG majors only)	3		
Art/Music/Dance	3	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with EDU 202B Culturally Sustaining Practice in Education	3
Religion	3		
CHE 2102 Organic Chemistry II plus lab	4	HCC Arts and Science Elective (2 of 2)(recommend taking CHM 222 Organic Chem II)	3

By the end of summer: Pass Secondary Subject Matter MTEL

Checklist for Pre-Practicum Eligibility:

(Except in very rare cases, the Pre-Practicum should be completed in the semester before the Practicum.)

Completed the required coursework to date (or is registered to do so).

Passed Gateway 1

Passed C & L Reading & Writing subtests

Scores reported for Subject Matter MTEL by the first day of classes of pre-practicum semester or will be removed from pre-practicum

Year 4 – Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4203 Pre-Practicum (60 hrs..) (5 credits)	5		

EDU 4204 Pre-Practicum Seminar (1 credit)	1		
EDU 4308 No Fault Classroom Management	3		
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hours)	3		
		EDU 276 Education Internship	1
		EDU 175 MTEL CLS Test Prep	1
<i>By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 2</i>			

Checklist for Practicum Eligibility:

Passed Gateway 1 & 2

Completed or waived ALL **required** courses (including SEI endorsement)

Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher

Due by practicum placement paperwork deadline (mid-April for fall practicum, mid-November for spring):

Attend the practicum placement meeting

Passing scores on **ALL** required MTELS

Current First Aid/CPR Certification

Completed placement paperwork

Year 4 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3600 Practicum Seminar (3 credits)	3		
Practicum (400 hrs.) (14 weeks/12 credits)	12		
			Total HCC credits: 61
			(2 credits have no Elms equivalent)

MTEL/Gateway Status:

C & L Reading (Take after EDU 1008)	
C & L Writing (Take after EDU 1008)	
Secondary Subject Matter MTEL (Take after junior year)	
Gateway 1 (Complete in EDU 3700)	
Gateway 2 (Complete in pre-practicum)	

Required courses for the B.A. in Secondary Education, Math (8-12) at Elms College and HCC course equivalencies

Note: This is a suggested plan and sequence, but course order may change due to course offerings and student circumstances

Elms Course Sequence		HCC Transfer Course	
Year 1 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	General Education Core Program Requirements Core Electives No equivalency. Will be extra credits These courses are taken throughout the time at HCC, not during a specific semester or year. Dictated by HCC advising course sequence	Credits
EDU 1000 Intro to Schooling & Education (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 100 Education in America (10 hrs)	3
EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3	PSY 218 Adolescent Psychology	3
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar	3	Waived-Need to take one of the following AST 110, BIO 108, CHM 124, ESC 110, 111, 120 ENV, 120 or PHS 112	4 (1 over)
MAT 1301 Differential Calculus	3	MTH 113 Calculus	4
Year 1 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waive if C and L MTEL are passed Humanities Elective HCC (1 of 2 humanities)	3
ENG 1001 Rhetoric	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
Natural Science (BIO/CHE/PHY)	3	BIO 101 General Biology	4
Math (1008 or above)	3	HCC Math Elective 108 or higher	3
MAT 1302 Integral Calculus		MTH 114 Calculus II	4
		HCC Arts and Sciences Elective	3
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing</i>			
Year 2 – Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in EDU (10 hrs)	3
Foreign Language I	3	Waived for AA transfer, PSY 110 Introduction to Psychology	3
Literature	3		
MAT 2003 Vector Calculus	3		
Elective		HIS 111 or 112	3
Year 2 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3403 Models of Inclusion (5 hrs.)	3		
Foreign Language II	3	Waived for AA transfer, replace with HCC elective HCC, ENG 101 Comp I (covers Elms College Writing if needed by student or could be an elective)	3

Philosophy PHI/ETH	3		
MAT 3008 Geometry	3		
MAT 3105 Mathematical Probability and Statistics	3	MTH 230 Discrete Math	4

Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3700 Middle & Secondary Methods (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
Philosophy PHI/ETH	3	HCC Humanities Elective (2 of 2 Humanities)	3
Physical Education	2	HCC Arts and Sciences Elective	3
MAT 3400 Abstract Algebra	3		

By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 1

Year 3 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3300 Mid. & Sec. Culture & Curriculum (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4309 Literacy Across Disciplines (all but ENG) or EDU 4302 Str. Readers Mid/Sec (ENG majors only)	3		
Art/Music/Dance	3	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with EDU 202B Culturally Sustaining Practice in Education	3
Religion	3		
MAT 3700 Discrete Math	3		

By the end of summer: Pass Secondary Subject Matter MTEL

Checklist for Pre-Practicum Eligibility:

(Except in very rare cases, the Pre-Practicum should be completed in the semester before the Practicum.)

Completed the required coursework to date (or is registered to do so).

Passed Gateway 1

Passed C & L Reading & Writing subtests

Scores reported for Subject Matter MTEL by the first day of classes of the pre-practicum semester will be removed from the pre-practicum

Year 4 – Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 4203 Pre-Practicum (60 hrs.) (5 credits)	5		
EDU 4204 Pre-Practicum Seminar (1 credit)	1		
EDU 4308 No Fault Classroom Management	3		
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hours)	3		
MAT 4100 Number Theory	3		
		EDU 276 Education Internship	1
		EDU 175 MTEL CLS Test Prep	1

By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 2

Checklist for Practicum Eligibility:

Passed Gateway 1 & 2

Completed or waived ALL **required** courses (including SEI endorsement)
 Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher

Due by practicum placement paperwork deadline (mid-April for fall practicum, mid-November for spring):

- Attend the practicum placement meeting
- Passing scores on **ALL** required MTELS
- Current First Aid/CPR Certification
- Completed placement paperwork

Year 4 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3600 Practicum Seminar (3 credits)	3		
Practicum (400 hrs.) (14 weeks/12 credits)	12		
			Total HCC credits: 61
			(2 credits have no Elms equivalent)1

MTEL/Gateway Status:

C & L Reading (Take after EDU 1008)	
C & L Writing (Take after EDU 1008)	
Secondary Subject Matter MTEL (Take after junior year)	
Gateway 1 (Complete in EDU 3700)	
Gateway 2 (Complete in pre-practicum)	

Required courses for the B.A. in Secondary Education, English (5-12) at Elms College and HCC course equivalencies

Note: This is a suggested plan and sequence, but course order may change due to course offerings and student circumstances

Elms Course Sequence		HCC Transfer Course	
Year 1 - Fall (15 Credits) for traditional students	Credits	General Education Core Program Requirements Core Electives No equivalency. Will be extra credits These courses are taken throughout the time at HCC, not during a specific semester or year. Dictated by HCC advising course sequence	Credits
EDU 1000 Intro to Schooling & Education (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 100 Education in America (10 hrs)	3
EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3	PSY 218 Adolescent Psych	3
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar	3	Waived One more ENG Elective: ENG 208, 217, 218, 227, 231, 235, 245, 250 COM 150	3
ENG 2001 World Literature I	3		
Elective	3	Arts and Science Elective (1 of 2)	3
Year 1 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waive if C and L MTEL are passed Humanities Elective HCC (1 of 2 humanities)	3
ENG 1001 Rhetoric	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
Natural Science (BIO/CHE/PHY)	3	BIO 101 General Biology	4
Math (1008 or above)	3	Mathematics Elective above 1008	3
ENG 2002 World Literature II	3		
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing</i>			
Year 2 – Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in EDU (10 hrs)	3
Foreign Language I	3	PSY 110 Introduction to Psych	3
Literature	3	ENG 224 Children's Literature	3
ENG 1303 Critical Approaches to Literature	3		
ENG 3801 Survey of American Literature I	3	ENG 211 American Writers I	3
Year 2 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3403 Models of Inclusion (5 hrs.)	3		
Foreign Language II	3	Waived for AA transfer, replace with HCC, ENG 101 Comp I	3
History	3	HIS 111 or 112	3
Social Science (SOC or ECON)	3		

ENG 3802 Survey of American Literature II	3	ENG 212 American Writers II	3
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Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3700 Middle & Secondary Methods (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
Philosophy PHI/ETH	3	HCC Humanities Elective PHI/ ETH (2 of 2)	3
Physical Education	2	Waived for AA transfer student. Replace with EDU 202B Culturally Sustaining Practice in Education	3
ENG 3902 Advanced Writing: Capstone	3		

By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 1

Year 3 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3300 Mid. & Sec. Culture & Curriculum (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4302 Str. Readers Mid/Sec	3		
Art/Music/Dance	3	Either AST 110, BIO 108, CHM 124, ESC 110, 111, 120, ENV 120, or PHS 112	4
Religion	3		
EDU 4302 Struggling Readers: Middle/Secondary	3		

By the end of summer: Pass Secondary Subject Matter MTEL

Checklist for Pre-Practicum Eligibility:

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Completed the required coursework to date (or is registered to do so).

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Passed C & L Reading & Writing subtests

Scores reported for Subject Matter MTEL by the first day of classes of the pre-practicum semester or will be removed from pre-practicum

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EDU 4308 No Fault Classroom Management	3		
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hours)	3		
Elective	3	Arts and Science Elective (2 of 2)	3
		EDU 276 Education Internship	1
		EDU 175 MTEL CLS Test Prep	1

By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 2

Checklist for Practicum Eligibility:

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EDU 2104 Children's Learning & Development (5 hrs.)	3	PSY 218 Adolescent Psych	3
IDS 1001 First Year Seminar (foundational core)	3	Waived transfer AA student, replace with EDU 202 B Culturally Sustaining Practices	3
EDU 1000 World History	3	HIS 101 (History of Western Civ I)	3
Elective		HIS Core Course	3
Year 1 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 1008 Communication & Literacy Skills for Ed.	3	Waive if C and L MTEL are passed Humanities Elective HCC (2 Of 2 humanities)	3
ENG 1001 Rhetoric (foundational core)	3	ENG 102, Composition II	3
Natural Science (BIO/CHE/PHY) BIO Human Applications (or BIO 1204 General Biology II) (Natural Science/Math/Tech core)	3	BIO 101 General Biology	4
Math (1008 or above) MAT 1024 Algebra & Fractions (Natural Science/Math/Tech core)	3	Elective MTH 135, 142, anything over 108	3
EDU 1005 Early American History	3	HIS 111, History of the US 1	3
<i>By the end of summer: Pass Communication & Literacy MTEL – both Reading & Writing</i>			
Year 2 – Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3109 Students with Special Needs (5 hrs.)	3	EDU 208 Inclusionary Practice in EDU (10 hrs)	3
Foreign Language I	3	PSY 110 Intro to Psych	3
Literature (Fine arts core)	3	Arts and Science Elective (Take a Literature course)	3
EDU 1006 Modern American History	3		
EDU 1008 World History Since 1500	3		
PHY 1002 Physical Science & Lab (4 credits)	4	Elective options ESC 110, 111, 120, ENV 120,	4
Year 2 - Spring (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3403 Models of Inclusion (5 hrs.)	3		

Foreign Language II	3	Waived for AA transfer, replace with HCC, ENG 101 Comp I (covers Elms College Writing if needed by student or could be an elective)	3
Social Science (SOC or ECON) (fine arts core)	3	Arts and Science Elective HCC (take a sociology or Economics)	3
ECN 2101 Economics I (social science core)	3		
Elective		HCC Humanities (1 of 2)	3

Year 3 - Fall (15 Credits)	Credits	HCC Transfer Course	Credits
EDU 3700 Middle & Secondary Methods (10 hrs.)	3		
EDU 4106 Technology in Education	3		
Philosophy PHI/ETH	3		
Physical Education	2		
History Elective (fine arts core)	3	HCC History Core Course	3
By the end of fall: Pass Gateway Task 1			
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Religion (fine arts core)	3		
EDU History Elective	3		
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EDU 4308 No Fault Classroom Management			
EDU 4901 Educating ELL Students (10 hours)			
		EDU 276 Education Internship	1
		EDU 175 MTEL CLS Test Prep	1
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Secondary Subject Matter MTEL (Take after junior year)	
Gateway 1 (Complete in EDU 3700)	
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