

Elementary Education Track (LAEL)

A Degree in Liberal Arts and Science

This program satisfies the requirements of the Massachusetts Department 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.

Number	Suggested Course Order	Cr	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites/Notes
HIS105 <i>or</i> HIS106	Introduction to World Civilization I <i>or</i> Introduction to World Civilization II	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
ENG101	English Composition I	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
BIO109	Biology I	4			ENG100, MAT092, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
CIS127	Computer Technologies	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
ENG102	English Composition II	3			ENG101
EDU101	Introduction to Education	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, 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, FYE101, or placement ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
THE113	Speech	3			ENG101
MAT140	Elements of Mathematics I	3			MAT096 or placement
ENG235	Children's Literature	3			ENG102 or permission of division dean.
HIS201 <i>or</i> HIS202	History of United States I <i>or</i> History of United States II	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
PER126/130	Health, Fitness, and Wellness Elective	2/3			Prerequisites: MAT092, RDG100, or placement Note: PER130 is recommended for transfer.
PSY108 <i>or</i> PSY110	Child Development <i>or</i> Human Growth and Development	3			PSY105 PSY105
	World Language or a designated culturally diverse course	3			Note: ASL, FRE, SPA or ANT111, DSL113, ENG236, ENG237, ENG265, GEO129, HIS105, HIS106, HUM240, HUM260, HST150, SOC125
ISC210	Critical Thinking	3			Prerequisites: ENG102; completion of 45 credits; or permission of dean. Note: Capstone Course.
MAT141	Elements of Math II or higher	3			Note: 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 and Theory I	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement Prerequisite: MUS103 or equivalent
	World language or a designated culturally diverse course	3			Note: See above World Language or a designated culturally diverse course.
	General Elective	3			Note: Any course (see page 66 for exceptions)
Total: 61/62 credits					

See page 131 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards.

Campus/format: A majority of 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.

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 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 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 one through six.

Earning potential: \$43,580 to \$48,690.

* See page 45 for MassTransfer information.