

## **Tips for Transfer with Mercer AA in Education to WPU's Early Childhood /Elementary BA Degree @ Mercer**

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### **Complete the prerequisite courses at Mercer:**

- Anthropology 2020: Foundations of Teaching, Anthropology of Education (or Sociology 104 at MCCC)
- Psychology 2100: Developmental Psychology (Psychology 1100 is required to take this at WPU; equivalent to PSY 206 at MCCC)
- Six credits of college-level math (usually Math 1100, 1110, or higher; basic math does not count) (Any two Math courses from Mercer typically work)
- EDU 109 & EDU 102 at MCCC (CIED 2030 Teaching as a Profession)
- Two lab science courses
- Six credits in a world language

### **Complete the following BEFORE graduation at MCCC & applying to WPU:**

- Pass the required Praxis I CORE test in your last semester at Mercer. Sign up at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)  
You cannot begin your education courses at WPU until you have passed all parts of the Praxis Core.
- Maintain an overall 3.0 GPA while at MCCC. Students with a GPA below 3.0 may be admitted to WPU, but cannot take their education courses until a 3.0 is reached.
- Identify your desired second major (in addition to education) at WPU (a liberal arts or sciences area) and take courses while at MCCC that meet the requirements for this major. See an MCCC education advisor if you need help selecting courses for this.
- Once you have 60 credits, apply for a substitute license. You will need one by the first semester of your education courses at WPU. This will require you to be fingerprinted and to have a Mantoux test for tuberculosis. You can **apply through your local school district.**

### **Once you're accepted to William Paterson University:**

- Maintain a 3.0 overall grade point average. Your GPA will not carry over from Mercer. A 3.0 overall while at WPU is required to complete student-teaching and you must earn a B or higher in all education courses.
- You will need to take and pass the Praxis II before student teaching. You should sign up right away for the Elementary Multiple Subjects Content Knowledge Praxis II (#5001). For the early childhood Praxis II (#5025), you should wait until your first semester in the education sequence.
- Become familiar with these important websites:  
<http://www.wpunj.edu/coe>  
[http://www.wpunj.edu/coe/Departments/Eled\\_EC/eledechome.htm](http://www.wpunj.edu/coe/Departments/Eled_EC/eledechome.htm)  
<http://www.wpunj.edu/coe/Departments/Cert/certhome.htm>  
<http://www.wpunj.edu/coe/Departments/OFE/ofehome.htm>
- Communicate with your education advisor and your second major advisor as soon as they are assigned. You will need to plan when you will do your field placements so that you can submit your applications for the practicum and student teaching semesters (due a year in advance if possible).

### **If you have any questions, feel free to email:**

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