

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Northern Essex Community College

and

Fitchburg State University

Early Childhood Education Associate in Science

to

Early Childhood Education – Pre-K-2 Licensure Track

Northern Essex Community College and Fitchburg State University agree to enter into a transfer agreement for the following academic disciplines:

Early Childhood Education Associate in Science

to

Early Childhood Education – Pre-k-2 Licensure Track

Purpose

This agreement is set forth by Northern Essex Community College and Fitchburg State University in an effort to delineate a transfer student's best options in course selections. This document signifies the ongoing commitment between these institutions of higher education to promote coordinated curricula of the highest quality. As such, it bears with it the commitment of our respective faculty and administrative staff to strengthen these ties and address the needs of our students in a mutually beneficial manner.

Terms and Conditions of Transfer

- A. Students graduating from the Northern Essex Community College Early Childhood Education with a qualitative grade point average of 2.75 or greater, passing scores on the Communication and Literacy portions of the MTEL, and upon completion of FSU's admissions requirements and upon providing field experience paperwork, will have passed Stage I review and are guaranteed acceptance into Fitchburg State University's Early Childhood Education degree program.
- B. In addition, 66 credits of the completed Northern Essex Community College's Early Childhood Education Associate in Science degree will be accepted and applied to FSU's Early Childhood Education Pre-K-2 Licensure Track. All coursework from the sending program must be completed with grades of C or higher in order to transfer.
- C. Students graduating from the Northern Essex Community College Early Childhood Education program with a qualitative grade point average of 2.0 but less than a 2.75 and passing scores on the Communication and Literacy portions of the MTEL will be admitted into Fitchburg State University but will need to complete additional requirements in order to proceed with Education courses.
- D. Northern Essex Community College students will be advised to complete the prescribed coursework, and electives, as listed in the attached program grid (Appendix A). **Failure to follow these recommendations may affect guarantee of admission, and may result in additional coursework requirements and longer time to degree completion at Fitchburg State.**
- E. Acknowledging that students may and do transfer from a wide variety of majors, this agreement does not prohibit transfer to or from other programs of study at either institution. This agreement suggests optimal transfer routes from Northern Essex Community College to Fitchburg State University.

This agreement is effective September 1, 2012 and will remain in effect until September 1, 2015 with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to graduates who transfer from Northern Essex Community College to Fitchburg State University in either the day or evening division, within one year of the expiration of this agreement. The faculty at both institutions agrees to meet annually to review the agreement and discuss modifications.

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For: **Fitchburg State University**

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Fitchburg State University/Northern Essex Community College
 Associate in Science degree program in Early Childhood Education
Transfer program to Fitchburg State University at Fitchburg's Campus
 (DAY PROGRAM ONLY)
 Bachelor of Science Degree-**Early Childhood** Education

For the most optimal pathway to a smooth transition to the Fitchburg State University Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education, PreK-2 Licensure Program, follow the outlined program of study below. In addition, the following will provide the smoothest transition to the program:

- 1) Pass the Communications and Literacy MTEL (01) (required for formal acceptance into the Fitchburg State University Early Childhood Education program, PreK-2 Licensure Program)
- 2) Maintain a 2.75 GPA as required by the Education Compact
- 3) Provide copies of your field experience forms and evaluations to your Fitchburg State Early Childhood Education advisor and the Fitchburg State Licensure Office
- 4) Provide copies of documentation of ECE 271 Early Childhood Practicum I to the Fitchburg State Licensure Office (required for licensure)

The following is based on MassTransfer and outlines suggested courses for optimal transfer into the Fitchburg State University Early Childhood Education program.

Northern Essex Community College		Fitchburg State University	
LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS			
Science, Math and Technology (SMT) (3 courses/9 credits min.)			
MAT 118 Mathematical Ideas I	3	Fulfills MATH 1500 Informal Number Theory	
BIO 111 Introductory Biology I or BIO 101 Human Biology AND BIO 102 Lab or BIO 121 Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Science Elective transfer [Fulfills Biology 1000 or 1100 Life science I or II]	
SC I 111 Physical Science I or SC I 112 Physical Science II	4	PHYS 1100 or 1200 Physical Science I or II	
Citizenship and the World (CTW) (3 courses/ 9 credits min.)			
History & Government Elective: HIS 101 U.S. History I or HIS 102 U.S. History II	3	HIST 1400/1500 US History I or II	
PSY 103 Foundations of Child Growth and Development or PSY 203 Child Psychology	3	PSYCH Elective [Fulfills PSY 1200 Human Growth & Dev. requirement]	
Take through Fitchburg State		HIST 1100, 1150, or 1200 World Civ I, II, or III	3
The Arts (ART) (5 courses/15 credit min)			
Take through Fitchburg State		Music 2000, 2100 Commonwealth of the (Ancients) Arts	3
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	English 1100 Writing I	
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	English 1200 Writing II	
Humanities Elective: LIT 201 American Literature I or LIT 202 American Literature II	3	One American Literature: ENGL 2000 Am Lit I: Explore to Civil War or ENGL 2100 Am Lit II: Civil War to Present	
Humanities Elective: LIT 267 Children's Literature	3	ENGL 2900 Children's Literature	

Numbers in parentheses should not be counted toward total as they indicate courses meeting more than one requirement

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MAJOR

The Interdisciplinary Major requires core courses, a minor and two cluster areas. Mathematics is one of the required cluster areas. The following outlines the core courses and minor and cluster choices.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES CORE COURSES

Take through Fitchburg State		IDIS 1800 Global Issues	3
Take through Fitchburg State		Music 2000 or 2100 Commonwealth of the (Ancient) Arts(<i>Course from ART</i>)	(3)
Take through Fitchburg State		PHIL 1100 or 2600 Logic or Phil of Human Nature	3
Take through Fitchburg State		IDIS 4000 Capstone Seminar (senior year)	3

MINOR AND CLUSTER CHOICES

**Choice One: History or Social Science Minor and 2 cluster areas: One must be Math.
The other cluster area could be English or Science.**

Area I: Minor in History or Social Science (courses must meet requirements of the minor selected) Must total 18 credits (Northern Essex and Fitchburg State credits combined). Courses may also meet the LA&S requirements above.

Northern Essex Community College		Fitchburg State University	
History & Government Elective: HIS 101 US History I or HIS 102 US History II	(3)	HIST 1400 or 1500 U.S. History I	
Take through Fitchburg State		HIST 1000/1100/1150 World Civilizations I, II or III	(3)
Take through Fitchburg State		European History course	3
Take through Fitchburg State		Economics course or History if History minor	3
Take through Fitchburg State		Political Science course or History course if History minor	3
Take through Fitchburg State		Elective from any Social Science Discipline or History course if History minor	3
Cluster Area: Math (required)			
Northern Essex Community College		Fitchburg State University	
MAT 118 Mathematical Ideas I	(3)	Fulfills MATH 1500 Informal Number Theory	
MAT 119 Mathematical Ideas II	3	Fulfills MATH 1600 Informal Math Modeling	
Take through Fitchburg State		Math 2000 Informal Geometry	3
Choose One of The Following for the Second Cluster Area with The History/Social Science Minor			
English cluster area		Science cluster area	
Northern Essex	Fitchburg State	Northern Essex	Fitchburg State
Humanities Elective: LIT 201 American Literature I or LIT 202 American Literature II	One American Literature: ENGL 2000 Am Lit I: Explore to Civil War or ENGL 2100 Am Lit II: Civil War to Present	BIO 111 Introductory Biology I or BIO 101 Human Biology AND BIO 102 Lab or BIO 121 Anatomy and Physiology I (4)	BIOL 1990 Transfer Lab [meets Biology 1000 or 1100 Life science I or II]
Humanities Elective: LIT 267 Children's Literature	ENGL 2900 Children's Literature	SC I 111 Physical Science I or SC I 112 Physical Science II (4)	PHYS 1100 or 1200 Physical Science I or II
Take through Fitchburg State	Elective 3 cr.	Take through Fitchburg State	Science Elective 3 cr.

MINOR AND CLUSTER CHOICES			
Choice Two: English Minor and 2 cluster areas: One must be Math. The other cluster area could be History/Social Sciences or Science.			
Area I: Minor in English (courses must meet requirements of the minor selected) Must total 18 credits (Northern Essex and Fitchburg State credits combined). Courses may also meet the LA&S requirements above.			
Humanities Elective: LIT 201 American Literature I or LIT 202 American Literature II	(3)	One American Literature: ENGL 2000 Am Lit I: Explore to Civil War or ENGL 2100 Am Lit II: Civil War to Present	
Humanities Elective: LIT 211 LIT 267 Children's Literature	(3)	ENGL 2900 Children's Literature	
Take through Fitchburg State			3
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Cluster Area: Math (required)			
Northern Essex Community College		Fitchburg State University	
MAT 118 Mathematical Ideas I	(3)	Fulfills MATH 1500 Informal Number Theory	
MAT 119 Mathematical Ideas II	3	Fulfills MATH 1600 Informal Math Modeling	
Take through Fitchburg State		Math 2000 Informal Geometry	3
Choose One of The Following for the Second Cluster Area with the English Minor			
History/Social Sciences cluster area		Science Recommended for the second cluster area for this minor	
Northern Essex	Fitchburg State	Northern Essex	Fitchburg State
History & Government Elective: HIS 101 U.S. History I or HIS102 U.S. History II (3)	HIST 1400 or 1500 U.S. History I or II	BIO 111 Introductory Biology I or BIO 101 Human Biology AND BIO 102 Lab or BIO 121 Anatomy and Physiology I (4)	BIOL 1990 Transfer Lab [meets Biology 1000 or 1100 Life science I or II]
Take through Fitchburg State	HIST 1000, 1100, 1150 World Civilization I, II, or III (3)	SC I 111 Physical Science I or SC I 112 Physical Science II (4)	PHYS 1100 or 1200 Physical Science I or II
Take through Fitchburg State	Elective (HIST, ECON, or POLS 3 cr.	Take through Fitchburg State	GEOG 1000 Earth Science 3 cr.

FREE ELECTIVES			
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 1100 General Psychology	
Com 111 Public Speaking	3	SPCH 1000 Introduction to Speech Communication	
ECE 250 Seminar in Philosophy in ECE	3	EDUC 1990 Transfer	
ECE 272 Early Childhood Education Practicum II	4	EDUC transfer elective	
EARLY CHILDHOOD MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
Northern Essex Community College		Fitchburg State University	
ECE 101 Intro Early Childhood	3	EDUC 2300 Foundations of Education (15 hr p.p.)	
EDU 102 Intro Special Education OR PSY 208-Problems of Early Childhood	3	SPED 2210 Diversity and Disability	
ECE 111 Preschool Curriculum	3	EDUC 2600 DAP Prog. Y.C. (Fall only) (15 hr. p.p.)	
Take through Fitchburg State		EDUC 2630 Literacy preK-6 Classrooms (15 hr. p.p.)	3
ECE 201 Language/Reading Development in Early Childhood	3	EDUC 2640 Language Arts (15 hr. p.p.)	
Take through Fitchburg State		EDUC 2800 Strat. in Read. Instruction	3
ECE 203 Math/Science for Early Childhood Curriculum	3	EDUC 2850 Investigations in Sci./SS (Fall only)	
ECE 202 Expressive Learning Activities in EC Curriculum	3	EDUC 2910 The Arts I Inspiration (1 credit) EDUC 2920 The Arts II Imagination (1 credit) EDUC 2930 The Arts III Integration (1 credit)	
<i>On-site immersion semester-senior year-courses taken concurrently.</i>			
Take through Fitchburg State		SPED 3400 Teaching Math w/w/o Disabilities	3
Take through Fitchburg State		SPED 2970 Assessment of Students w/ or w/o Disabilities	3
Take through Fitchburg State		SPED 3720 Classroom Behavior support	3
Take through Fitchburg State		EDUC 3740 On-site immersion (125 hours)	3
<i>Student teaching semester-senior year-courses taken concurrently.</i>			
Take through Fitchburg State		EDUC 4550 Collaboration & Communities	3
ECE 271 Early Childhood Education Practicum I	4	EDUC 4862 Practicum in Early Childhood I	
Take through Fitchburg State		EDUC 4863 Practicum in Early Childhood II	4.5
TOTAL CREDITS NORTHERN ESSEX	67	TOTAL CREDITS FITCHBURG STATE	58.5

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