

# TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

**Merrimack College**

Bachelor of Arts in Education

**And**

**Northern Essex Community College**

Associate Degree in Early Childhood

Merrimack College and Northern Essex Community College, in recognition of a valuable and barrier free public to private academic experience, have created a transfer articulation agreement between the Merrimack College Department of Education and the Associate of Arts programs at Northern Essex Community College.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To encourage the transfer of qualified students from Northern Essex Community College to Merrimack College.
2. To award academic credit for courses completed at Northern Essex Community College that meet the terms of the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Associate degree for application toward the requirements for the Bachelor of Art Degree in Education.
3. To provide effective and concise guidelines for students seeking to transfer to Merrimack College. Students will have accurate and clear information regarding transfer of their coursework and credits toward the Bachelor of Art in Education.

**TERMS OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:**

1. Merrimack College guarantees the acceptance of students who completed the Associate in Science degree programs at Northern Essex Community College with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better to the Bachelor of Art in Education program at Merrimack College
2. Merrimack College guarantees the transfer of credit as stipulated in the attached Program of Study. This agreement assumes the completion of the Associate Degree and completion of the courses listed on the attached Program of Study. A minimum of 124 credits must be completed to earn the Bachelor of Art in Education degree. Merrimack College will accept no more than 75 credits in transfer from the two-year college. To receive a degree from Merrimack College, a student must fulfill the following residence requirements:
  - a. At least 48 credits must be taken at Merrimack College
  - b. At least ½ of the major credit requirements must be taken at Merrimack College
  - c. At least twenty-four of the last thirty-two credits must be taken at Merrimack College and all credits in the final semester must be taken at Merrimack College
3. Northern Essex Community College transfer students will be subject to all education requirements of Merrimack College as set forth in the Merrimack College catalog.
4. This Articulation Agreement is based upon the evaluation of course descriptions presented to Merrimack College. Courses as listed in this agreement will transfer in as Merrimack College courses provided a grade of “C” or better has been earned. If a grade lower than “C” is earned elective credit will be given.
5. Northern Essex Community College students interested in participating in this agreement should be advised to take the suggested elective courses. These courses are required at Merrimack College and students are advised to complete them as part of their Associate Degree whenever possible.

6. Both Merrimack College and Northern Essex Community College agree to publicize this agreement and availability to their students and other stakeholders.
7. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of three years from the date listed below, with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to students admitted from the Northern Essex Community College Associate Degree program within one year of the expiration of the agreement. Each institution agrees to provide timely notice to the other in the event of any modification to the curriculum that might affect the compatibility for admission and transfer of coursework. This agreement may be subject to change at either institution. Students admitted to Northern Essex Community College's Associate degree program prior to such notification shall be admitted to Merrimack College on the basis of this agreement.

**Approved on (date):** \_\_\_\_\_

## Signatures

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education into the  
Department of Education Bachelors of Arts Degree**

Transfer students are able to major in most academic programs at Merrimack College upon entry in conjunction with gaining an education co-major and/or licensure in a particular field. For students coming from NECC's associate degree program in early childhood education who wish to complete their BA in two years (four terms), it is strongly recommended that they major in Human Development, with a concentration in early childhood education and moderate disabilities. Students would thus graduate with a major in Human Development and dual licensure in early childhood education (PreK-2) and moderate disabilities (PreK-8). Below is the approved course-by-course transfer matrix.

Course-by-Course Transfer Matrix

<b>NECC - Early Childhood Education</b>		<b>Merrimack College - comparable courses</b>	
BIO 101 Human Biology w/ BIO 102 Lab	4	HSC 1106 Human Biology	4
COM 111 Public Speaking	3	COM 1020 Public Communication	3
ECE 101 Intro to Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 2310 Intro to Early Childhood	3
EDU 102 Introduction to Special Education	3	EDU 4600 Curr Design & Adapt for Children w/ Special Needs	3
ECE 201 Language & Reading Development	3	EDU 4400 Language Acquisition & Literacy Development	3
PSY 103 Child Dev <b>OR</b> PSY 203 Child Psych	3	PSY 2300 Developmental Psychology OR EDU 2210 Child & Adolescent Development	3
ENG 101 English Comp I	3	ENG 0001	3
ENG 102 English Comp II	3	ENG 1050/WRT 1050	3
ECE Expressive Learning Activities in EC Curriculum	3	LIB 0001	3
MAT 118 Mathematical Ideas I <b>OR</b> MAT 119 Mathematical Ideas II	3	MTH 1400 Mathematics for Elementary Educators	3
ECE 203 Math & Science in EC Curriculum	3	EDU 3330 Teaching Math, Science, & Technology	3
PSY 101 Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 1000 Introduction to Psychology	3
ECE 250 Seminar in Philosophy in ECE	3	EDU 2110 Foundations & Principles of Education	3
SCI 111 Physical Science	4	SCI 1000 Investigations in Life & Physical Sciences	4
HUMANITIES ELECTIVE: <b>Choose one</b> LIT 201, REL 101, PHI 101	3	Transfer credit is dependent on course completed ENG 1550, RTS 1001, PHI 1000	3
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ECE 181 ECE Field Placement I	1	EDU 2500 Pre-Practicum	0
ECE 182 ECE Field Placement II	1	EDU 2510 Pre-Practicum	0
ECE 111 Preschool Curriculum & ECE 271 and 272 Practicum	11	Pre-Practicum paper	1
TOTAL	63	TOTAL	1