

Transfer Guide

Virginia Community College – Associate of Science Degree in Education to James Madison University Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Courses to be completed at your Virginia community college

Total credits before transfer: 61-67

VCCS Course	Credits	JMU Equivalent	Notes
SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation to Education	1	UNST 000	
ENG 111 College Comp I	6	WRTC 000	
ENG 112 College Comp II	3	WRTC 103	Complete both ENG 111 and 112 for WRTC 103
UCGS Art course: ART 101, 102, MUS 121, 222, or CST 130	3	Varies	
Any UCGS Literature (ENG 250 preferred)	3	Varies	ENG 250 = ENG 222
HIS 121 or 122 U.S. History I or II	3	HIST 000	
GEO 210 or 220 Intro to Cultural Geography or World Reg'l Geography	3	GEOG 280 or 200	Meets state licensure requirement
BIO 101 Gen Biology I or BIO 106 Life Science	4	BIO 140/140L or BIO 103/ISCI 104	Satisfies JMU's ISCI 173 requirement
Any UCGS Math	3-5	Varies	
CST 100 Public Speaking or CST 110 Intro to Human Comm.	3	SCOM 121 or 122	
PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 160	
EDU 200 Foundations of Education	3	EDUC 200	20-hour field placement required
EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education	3	EXED 200	
EDU 204 Teaching in a Diverse Society	3	ELED 310	20-hour field placement required
GOL 105 Physical Geology, GOL 106 Historical Geology, or GOL 110 Environmental Geology	4	GEOL 110 or 102	Satisfies JMU's ISCI 171 requirement
HIS 111 or 112 World Civilizations	3	HIST 101 or 102	
EDU 120/MTH 120 Math for Elem & Middle School Educators	4	MATH 110	
CHD 120 Intro to Early Childhood Ed.	3	ELED 272	Complete before transfer if offered at your community college or complete at JMU
EDU 207 Human Growth & Devel.	3	ELED 208	Complete before transfer if offered at your community college or complete at JMU
Additional electives. Suggested: - CHM 101 - PLS 135 or finish the HIST 121 + 122 sequence	3-7	-CHEM 120; fulfills JMU's ISCI 172 requirement -PLS 135 = POSC 225 or HIS 121 + 122 = HIST 225 + HIST 000	

Please Note: If there is a course on this guide that is not offered by your community college, please contact your community college advisor to see if it will work for the associate degree you are pursuing. You should also connect with a JMU Transfer Advisor (www.jmu.edu/transfer/advisors) to learn if your progress at JMU will be impacted if you do not complete the course prior to transferring.

Courses to be completed at James Madison University

Total credits at JMU: 60+

JMU Courses	Credits	Notes
Courses not completed before transfer	Varies	Complete any remaining courses from VCCS side of transfer guide
MATH 210	4	Math for Elementary and Middle School Teachers II <i>Note: If MATH 110 equivalent not taken before transfer, it will be taken at JMU</i>
ELED 321	1	Practicum: Focus on Learners & Learning
ELED 322	1	Practicum: Focus on Curriculum Integration & Guiding Behavior
ELED 332	3	Children and Science
ELED 333	3	Children and Mathematics I
ELED 334	3	Children and Social Studies
ELED 343	3	Children and Mathematics II
ELED 300	3	Reading Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners
ELED 350	3	Writing Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners
ELED 400	2	Final Practicum (1credit each for 2 semesters)
ELED 450	3	Planning Instruction & Assessment
ELED 455	3	Home, School, Communities
ELED 480	16	Student Teaching Elementary Ed (8 credits each for 2 semesters)
ELED 485	3	Guiding Student Behavior
ELED 462	3	Disciplinary Literacy for Diverse Classroom PK-6
Electives if needed	0-4	To meet minimum 60 credits required from a 4-year institution

Total credit hours: 121-127

Transfer Guidance for the JMU B.S. in Elementary Education

Admission to the Teacher Education Program in Elementary Education at JMU

Students who meet the criteria below are eligible for admission to the Teacher Education program within JMU's College of Education. Admission is based on completion of requirements; it is not a competitive process. To have an opportunity to earn the B.S. in Elementary Education degree after two years at JMU, plan to complete all courses shown on this guide.

- Students must complete an approved transferable associate degree from their Virginia community college with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for guaranteed admission to JMU. Students who do not qualify for guaranteed admission are encouraged to apply to JMU through the regular admission process. For additional details about requirements for guaranteed admission, please see the JMU letter of intent for your community college: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.
- The minimum JMU GPA to be accepted into the Teacher Education program at JMU is 2.5. Your GPA resets when you begin courses at JMU.

- Complete the following exams: Math: ALEKS score of 46 or higher [or one of the following substitute tests: Praxis Core Math 5733 (score of 150); ACT Math (score of 22); SAT Math (score of 560)].
- Complete certifications and training: First Aid, AED, and in-person CPR training by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross; Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Training; Cultural Competency Training Module; Pre-professional Self-assessment
- Learn more and find a Teacher Education Application checklist at the JMU College of Educations' Admissions and Licensure webpage: www.jmu.edu/coe/esc/admission-licensure

If you decided midway through your community college experience that this is the right major for you, but you haven't completed all coursework showing on the transfer guide, you may still apply as a transfer student at JMU. You will need to complete more requirements at JMU than students who completed all the above coursework, which could impact your time to graduation.

To learn more, connect with an advisor at your community college and James Madison University within your first year. You can make an appointment directly with a JMU Next Transfer Advisor: www.jmu.edu/transfer/next.



Program successes and highlights

Even before they graduate, JMU ELED BS degree graduates are highly sought after by school districts across the Commonwealth and up and down the US East Coast. Since the early 1900s, we have been in the business of preparing future teachers to be leading contributors to the education professions and to the improvement of society. The ELED major program has many award-winning faculty and staff who prioritize student success. Over 99% of students who complete the program find employment as a K-6 elementary teacher in a public school. Over 95% of the ELED major students completing the senior level courses attain licensure. Our graduates are highly qualified to implement the best instructional practices that are inclusive and creative while promoting social justice for all learners.

Is this degree right for me?

- Completion of this degree and program qualifies you for a teaching license in Virginia with an endorsement in Elementary education, preK-6.
- This in-person degree allows students to have multiple experiences in schools prior to graduating and completing licensure requirements.
- During your junior year, there is a one-day a week practicum both semesters. Students have their own car and/or carpool.
- During your senior year, there is a practicum and a student teaching placement both semesters. Students have their own car and/or carpool. Seniors can student teach locally or in another area of Virginia

What should I consider when selecting courses?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and James Madison University within your first year. College Connect is available at www.TransferVirginia.org or you can make an appointment directly with a JMU Next Transfer Advisor: www.jmu.edu/transfer/next.

Do more with your degree!

Students pursuing an ELED major could declare any of the minors offered at JMU to customize your experience. Examples include educational media or TESOL. The ELED major will provide opportunities for practicum experiences at multiple grade levels and in diverse communities. Students will have a wide range of choices to participate in professional and/or student organizations such as KDP (Kappa Delta Pi), Future Teachers of Color, ROTE (Raising an Organization of Trained Educators), and TEACH Ambassadors.

Transferring to JMU

Important links and dates

- **University Transfer Center:** www.jmu.edu/transfer
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Transfer applicants from a VCCS institution intending to apply through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) must review requirements and submit a Letter of Intent prior to applying: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-GAA.shtml
- **Admission Application:** By February 1 for Summer, March 1 for Fall, or October 15 for Spring at www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/apply-online.shtml
- **Financial Aid:** www.jmu.edu/financialaid
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Deadline is March 1. Learn more at studentaid.gov.

Is this college right for me?

JMU is a mid- to large-size institution that behaves more like a smaller institution. Faculty and staff hold students as the top priority. JMU has a 96% satisfaction rate. 88% of classes have fewer than 50 students. JMU is the #1 most recommended public university in the US by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education; JMU is the #1 Best College for Employment in Virginia according to U.S. Department of Education statistics compiled by Zippia. JMU has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges. Learn more about our college at www.jmu.edu.

What are my chances for getting accepted?

- Generally, two-thirds of transfer applicants are admitted to JMU. Competitive applicants will have mostly As & Bs and have completed at least one class in each of our four core areas (English, mathematics, lab science, and social science).
- JMU defines a transfer student as a student that has graduated from high school (or holds a GED equivalency) and has taken courses in college after high school graduation.
- Learn more about applying at <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/>.

What is the impact on my degree of work I have already completed?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** An approved transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College will waive general education requirements at JMU. The list of approved transferable associate degrees can be found at www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/asdegrees.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in High School:** Students who complete a transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College through Dual Enrollment (DE) will not be eligible for guaranteed admission but will receive the general education waiver at JMU. DE associate degree earners who want to make progress toward their intended major should follow the curriculum in this guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning may be awarded differently at JMU than at your previous institution. JMU accepts and reviews AP, IB CIE, and CLEP examinations for all students with eligible scores. JMU will complete an independent review of the test score to apply credit to your JMU student record. Other credit for prior learning is awarded on a per case basis for the ADP and RN-BSN programs in consultation with the

department of expertise. Credit for learning acquired in military service is awarded by the registrar's office using the ACE guide's credit recommendation for study/experience listed on the military transcript and in consultation with the department of expertise.

- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at JMU

Did you know that...

- There is no limit to the number of credits you can transfer to JMU, but at least 50% of the credits required for graduation in your major must be taken at a 4-year college or university, and at least 25% must be taken at JMU. (Most JMU majors require 120 credits, so 60 must come from a 4-year and 30 must be taken at JMU.)
- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at JMU.
- Students who may be eligible for Virginia's Two-Year College Transfer Grant should transfer in the fall or spring immediately following the completion of their associate degree. Learn more about the state transfer grant here: www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/two-year-college-transfer-grant.