



ACADEMIC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

*A.S. in Early Childhood Education at Berkshire Community College, and
A.A. in Early Childhood Education at Berkshire Community College Pittsfield, and
B.A. in Early Care and Education Program at Elms College, Chicopee, MA*

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement for the transfer of Berkshire Community College graduates from the *Associate of Science (A.S.) Early Childhood Education* degree programs, both the cohort and career tracks, and the traditional *Associate of Arts (A.A.) Early Childhood Education* degree program and, into the Elms College *B.A in Early Care and Education* program in Pittsfield, MA.

Objectives of this Agreement:

1. To provide informational materials and guidelines to Berkshire Community College students considering enrollment in the Elms College Early Care and Education degree completion programs.
2. To attract qualified students from Berkshire Community College to the off-site degree completion early care and education program at Elms College.
3. To promote a seamless transition for students in the Berkshire Community College's Associate degree programs in early childhood education to the Elms College baccalaureate degree completion program in early care and education.

Stipulations of this Agreement:

1. This articulation agreement will be in effect for five years and will be renewable for another five years by consent of Berkshire Community College and Elms College. This articulation agreement can be reviewed within 90 days after written notice by either party.
2. Elms College provides the opportunity for students to complete their early care and education bachelor degree program within two years from the date of enrollment.
3. This articulation agreement will be in force, and should be considered the entire agreement, until superseded by a formal contract between Elms College and Berkshire Community College that explicitly replaces this agreement.
4. This agreement will apply to Berkshire Community College transfer students who have completed an associate degree. At the time of application, students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.



5. This agreement provides the opportunity for students who earn an associate degree in *early childhood education* at Berkshire Community College and met Elms College admission requirements to enter the Elms College Bachelor of Arts in early care and education program with at least 60 transfer credits. All courses taken to satisfy major requirements must meet the standards set by the Division of Education at Elms College and its accrediting body.
6. Transfer students previously designated will hold third year status in the Elms College bachelor degree completion programs in early care and education at Berkshire Community College based on the number of credits accepted in transfer.
7. BCC students who transfer to the Elms College off campus early care and education program at Berkshire Community College may transfer up to a maximum of 78 credits from Berkshire Community College towards a bachelor degree.
8. Berkshire Community College students receive transfer credit for satisfactorily completing Elms College core requirements and equivalent early care and education program requirements up to 78 credits.

Review and Revision Procedures:

1. Review of this agreement shall take place at least every five years or as needed from the date of the signed agreement. The chair of the education division at Elms College and the early childhood education program advisor at Berkshire Community College will be responsible for the review.
2. At the request of either party, a review of the contents or implementation of this agreement will be conducted by the programs. The chair of the education division at Elms College and the early childhood education program advisor at Berkshire Community College may make changes in the attached course sequences and lists of courses accepted for Elms transfer credit without renegotiating the entire agreement.

Mutual Responsibilities:

1. Berkshire Community College and Elms College will list this articulation agreement on their websites and in appropriate print documents at their respective institutions.
2. The early childhood education program advisor at BCC will advise students enrolled in the A.A. and A.S. degrees in early childhood education at BCC. The attached BCC program sequences and list of courses accepted for Elms College transfer credit assure maximum



transfer of credits that meet the core requirements of Elms College and early care and education program requirements.

3. The coordinator of transfer affairs/articulation at Berkshire Community College along with the Elms College assistant director for off campus programs or her designee will advise and assist transfer applicants in compiling the required credentials for transfer to the Elms College early care and education programs.
4. Transfer applicants from Berkshire Community College who apply under this agreement shall be eligible for Elms College financial aid.
5. The final Elms College acceptance of degree completion applicants comes from, the dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Elms College, Elizabeth Hukowicz.



**PATHWAY 2:
BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – CAREER TRACK
TO
ELMS COLLEGE
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION
DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM**



**BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—CAREER TRACK
SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR TRANSFER TO ELMS**

**ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Career Track
FIRST SEMESTER, YEAR ONE**

Course Number at BCC	Course Title at BCC	Credits	Transferred Course Equivalent at Elms
ENG101	English Composition I	3	Rhetoric Core
ECE101	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3	PSY214 Children' Learning and Development
ECE104	Education: Current Issues and Trends	3	Elective Credit
PSY107	Introductory Psychology	3	PSY101 General Psychology/Social Sciences Core Requirement and/or Major Requirement
ENG101	English Composition	3	Rhetoric
		TOTAL CREDITS 12	

SECOND SEMESTER, YEAR ONE

Course Number at BCC	Course Title at BCC	Credits	Transferred Course Equivalent at Elms
ENG102	English Composition and Writing	3	Literature Core
ECE122	Special Needs in Early Childhood Education	3	EDU319 Students with Special Needs
SOC105	Introductory Sociology	3	SOC101 Introduction to Sociology /Social Sciences Core Requirement and/or Major Requirement
Free Elective		3	See Table of Equivalent Courses
		TOTAL CREDITS 12	



THIRD SEMESTER, YEAR TWO

Course Number at BCC	Course Title at BCC	Credits	Transferred Course Equivalent at Elms
ECE123 and 124	Introduction to Practicum & Seminar	4	Elective Credit
ECE220	Infant & Toddler Care	3	Elective Credit
COM104-107	Oral Communication	3	Elective Credit
Behavioral Science Elective		3	See Table of Equivalent Courses
		TOTAL CREDITS 13	

FOURTH SEMESTER, YEAR TWO

Course Number at BCC	Course Title at BCC	Credits	Transferred Course Equivalent at Elms
ECE107	Guiding Children's Behavior	3	Elective Credit
ECE223 & 224	Intermediate Practicum & Seminar	4	Elective Credit
ENG205	Children's Literature	3	Elective Credit
Free Elective		3	See Table of Equivalent Courses for options.
		TOTAL CREDITS 13	

FIFTH SEMESTER, YEAR THREE

Course Number at BCC	Course Title at BCC	Credits	Transferred Course Equivalent at Elms
ECE241	Creativity-A Child's Perspective	3	Elective Credit
MAT101	Applied Contemporary Mathematics	3	Math Core Requirement
Behavioral Science Elective		3	See Table of Equivalent Courses for options.
Free Elective		3	See Table of Equivalent Courses for options.
		TOTAL CREDITS 12	Total minimum credits 62

Bachelor of Arts Degree Completion Program Early Care and Education

3 rd year 30 credits				
Session 1 Fall 1	Session 2 Fall 2	Session 3 Spring 1	Session 4 Spring 2	Session 5 Summer 1
EDU339 Writing in the Professions in ECE	EDU318 Technology in Early Childhood Education	CSD105 Sign Language for Early Childhood Educators	EDU338 Assessment of Young Children	EDU327 Addressing Challenging Behaviors in ECE
PHI242 Ethics <i>Online</i>	SWK304 Intro to Cultural Competency	SWK 303 Mental Health & Mental Illness	EDU204 Multicultural Children's Literature	EDU240 Introduction to Autism Spectrum, Disorders <i>Online</i>
4 th year 30 credits				
Session 6 Summer 2	Session 7 Fall 1	Session 8 Fall 2	Session 9 Spring 1	Session 10 Spring 2
EDU337 Early Literacy and Bilingualism	EDU341 Inclusionary ECE Classrooms	EDU362 Inquiry Based Strategies for Teaching Math to Young Children	EDU372 Nature and Environmental Curriculum: An inquiry Based Approach	EDU373 Capstone Seminar in ECE
REL 215 World Religions <i>Online</i>	EDU361 Advanced Case Studies in Child Psychology	EDU339 Health, Safety and Nutrition for Early Care and Education	EDU363 Public Policy and Advocacy in ECE	SOC316 Racial and Ethnic Groups <i>Online</i>

Program Prerequisites are: An Associate's degree from an accredited college with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A., ECE101 Early Childhood Growth and Development, and ECE122 Special Needs in Early Childhood Education. *42 Elms residency credits are required to receive an Elms degree*

Additional requirements include: Introduction to Sociology or General Psychology; College Level Science; Philosophy; History; Theater, Art, or Music, and a College Level Math



**BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE EQUIVALENCIES FOR
ELMS CORE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

TABLE OF EQUIVALENT COURSES	
BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	ELMS COLLEGE
ECE101 Early Childhood Growth and Development	PSY214 Children's Learning and Development
ECE 122 Special Needs in Early Childhood Education	EDU319 Students with Special Needs
ENG101 English Composition I	ENG101 Rhetoric
ENG102 English Composition II	Literature Core Requirement
SOC105 Introductory Sociology	SOC101 Introduction to Sociology
Any Philosophy	PHI242 Ethics/Core Philosophy Requirement
PSY107 Introductory Psychology	PSY101 General Psychology
Any College Level Math	Math Core Requirement
Natural or Physical Science	Science Core Requirement
HIS225 Comparative Religions	Religion Core Requirement
Any History	History Core Requirement
Fine OR Performing Arts Elective	Fine/Performing Arts Core Requirement
PSY226 Abnormal Psychology	SWK303 Mental Health and Mental Illness
SOC216 Racial/Ethnic Minorities	SOC316 Racial and Ethnic Groups