

Transfer Agreement  
Between Dawson Community College and  
The University of Montana Western's  
Early Childhood Program, Division of Education

**OVERVIEW:**

This formal transfer agreement serves as a memorandum of understanding and is made and entered into by Dawson Community College (DCC) and The University of Montana Western's Early Childhood Program in the Division of Education, herein referred to as the UMW. By this agreement, DCC and the UMW express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the program of study or associates to a bachelor's degree.

**PURPOSE:**

This agreement provides students whose Program of Study prepares them to complete an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, at DCC with the option of transferring to complete a Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood or a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Preschool to Grade Three. Any DCC student who adheres to the guidelines within this agreement is guaranteed that UM Western will accept designated general education credits and early childhood credits to apply such credits to the *Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood* or *Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education: Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Three* in a manner consistent with the treatment of native UM Western students.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

DCC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as native UM Western students enrolled under a specific catalog.

Criteria for acceptance into UM Western will be the same for transfer as for native students.

DCC, upon written request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to UM Western through its Office of Admissions and Records. The transcript of students transferring from HC will be evaluated by the Registrar's Office at UM Western.

Transfer students from DCC will have access to UM Western financial aid, scholarships, and student services on the same basis as native students.

Minimum grade of "B-" in Education course work and "C" in all general education courses must be maintained to qualify for transfer under this articulation agreement.

UM Western will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to DCC transfer students as those applicable to native students at UM Western.

**Section II: Transfer of Credit**

A maximum of 27 credit hours will be accepted by UM Western from DCC to be applied to the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education\*.

A maximum of 72 credit hours will be accepted from DCC to be applied to the Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education Pre-K to Third Grade or the Bachelor of Science Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood.

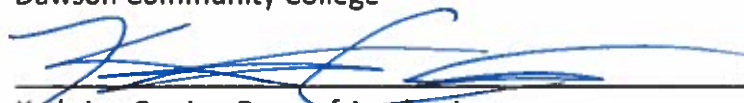
**TERMS of AGREEMENT:**

This agreement is made and entered into in the years 2021-2022 and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement to both parties. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to regular review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, one-year advance notification will be required.

**SIGNATURES:**

Dawson Community College and The University of Montana Western hereby enter into this transfer agreement leading from an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education to Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood or Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education: Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Three by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

  
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Scott Michelsen, President  
Dawson Community College  
2/11/21  
Date

  
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Kathrine Carrier, Dean of Academics,  
Dawson Community College  
2/24/21  
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The University of Montana Western  
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Transfer Agreement Planning Worksheet  
 General Education  
 University of Montana Western and Dawson Community College

University of Montana Western Program Requirements	Semester Credits	Dawson Community College Course Equivalencies	Semester Credits
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (32 cr)</b>		<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (32 cr)</b>	
<i>Written and Oral Communication (4 cr)</i>		<b>CORE I - COMMUNICATIONS (6 cr)</b>	
WRIT 101	4	WRIT 101 (DCC required)	3
		COMX 111	3
		<b>CORE II - FINE ARTS &amp; HUMANITIES (6 cr)</b>	
		<i>Select a minimum of 3 credits from Category I &amp; 3 credits from Category II</i>	
<b>Humanities: Expressive Arts (4 cr)</b>		<b>CATEGORY I: PRODUCTION/PERFORMANCE (3 cr)</b>	
ARTZ 100-200 level/CRWR 240/MUSI 103/MUSI 114/MUSI 147/MUSI 152/THTR 101/THTR 120/THTR 205/THTR 276	4	ARTZ 100-200 level/CRWR 240(Prereq WRIT 101)/MUSI 103, 112, 114, 115, 135, 136, 147, 150, 151, 160, 195, 212, 214, 215, 235, 236, 250, 251, 262, 295	3
<b>Humanities: Literary &amp; Artistic Studies (4 cr)</b>		<b>CATEGORY II: APPRECIATION/THEORY (3 cr)</b>	
ARTH 160/ARTH 200/ARTH 201/COMX 217/LIT 100-200 level/MUSI 132/MUSI 202/PHL 101/PHL 122/PHL 241	4	ARTH 160/ARTH 200/ARTH 201/ARTZ 106/ARTZ 108/LIT 110/LIT 223/LIT 285/LSH 101/LSH 201/MUSI 101/MUSI 103/MUSI 106/MUSI 202/MUSI 203/MUSI 207/PHL 110	3
<b>Behavioral &amp; Social Sciences (4 cr)</b>		<b>CORE III: SOCIAL SCIENCES/HISTORY (6 cr)</b>	
		<i>Choose courses from at least two different disciplines</i>	
EDEC247*	4		
<b>History (4 cr)</b>		PSYX 100/ PSYX 230	3
HSTA/HSTR 100-200 level	4	HSTA101/HSTA102/HSTA160/HSTR101/HSTR102	3
<b>Natural Sciences (8 cr)</b> <i>2 courses from 2 different subjects**</i>		<b>CORE IV: NATURAL SCIENCES (7 cr)</b> <i>Must take one designated lab course</i>	
ASTR/BIO-/CHMY/GEO/NUTR/PHSX 100-200 level/ENVS 180	8	BIOB 101 & 102/ CHMY 121 & 122	4
		ENSC 105	3
<b>Mathematics (4 cr)</b>		<b>CORE V: MATH &amp; COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (6 cr)</b> <i>3 credits Math, 3 credits CAPP131</i>	
M/STAT 100-level	4	M 105(3cr)/M 121(4cr) or Above	3
		CAPP 131	3
		<b>CORE VI: MULTICULTURAL/GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE (3 cr)</b>	
		SOC1 101	3

**Transfer Agreement**  
**Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education**

**Montana Western**  
**Credit Requirements**

**Dawson Community College**  
**Credit Requirements**

**AAS: Early Childhood Education Total Credit: 60**

**AAS: Early Childhood Education 61**

<b>General Education: 16 Credits</b>			
Course	Course #	Course	Credits
WRIT	101	College Writing I	4
		Mathematics see above	4
EDEC	247	Behavioral & Social Sciences: Child and Adolescent Growth and Development	4
		Natural Sciences see above	4

Course	Course #	Course	Credits
WRIT	101	(DCC required)	3
COMX	111		3
Math	105	Contemporary Math or Higher	3
PSYX	100	Intro to Psychology	3
Or Soci	101	Or Intro to Sociology	3
		See Core IV Natural Sciences	4
DCC	101	Required	1

<b>Early Childhood Core: 36 Credits</b>			
Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	130	Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood	4
EDEC	210	Meeting The Needs of Families	4
EDEC	230	Positive Child Guidance and Management	4
EDEC	247	Child & Adolescent Growth & Development	4
EDEC	273	Early Childhood Curriculum and Environments Part I	4
EDEC	275	Early Childhood Integrated Curriculum and Environments II	4
EDEC	265	Leadership & Professionalism in Early Childhood Education	4
EDEC	354	Fostering Creativity and Movement in Young Children (0-8)	4

<b>Early Childhood: 27 Credits</b>			
Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	130	Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood	4
		Meeting The Needs of Families	3
EDEC	210	Meeting The Needs of Families	3
EDEC	230	Positive Child Guidance	3
EDEC	247	Child Adolescent Development	4
EDEC	273	Curriculum and Environments Part I	4
EDEC	275	Integrated Curriculum and Environments II	4
			2
EDEC	265	(Prereq: first 8 ECE classes)	
		(required towards BS at UMW)	

EDEC	215	Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood	4

		(Required towards BS at UMW)	
EDEC	105	Observation and Assessment	1
EDEC	108	Introduction to Early Childhood	2

**Professional Electives: 8 Credits**

Complete 8 credits from the following (may include transfer electives)

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	249	Infant/Toddler Development & Group Care	4
EDEC	340	Practicing Inclusion in Early Childhood Education (PK-3)	4
EDEC	452	Advanced Early Childhood Curriculum and the Project Approach	4

**Professional Electives to 13 Credits**

Options for Elective Credits

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	249	Infant Toddler Development	4
EDSP	204	Intro to Teaching Exceptional Learners	3
EDU	200	Introduction to Education/Early Field Experience	2
EDU	202	Field Experience	1

**Electives** Choose elective credits from any college-level catalog courses to bring degree to 60 credits

**Electives** Choose elective credits from any college-level catalog courses to bring degree to 61 credits

Students must maintain a 3.00 GPA in the Early Childhood Education Core courses with no grade lower than a "B-". Students must maintain a B- or higher in Early Childhood Specialty courses. Students seeking the BS: ECE Prekindergarten through Third Grade or the BS: Early Childhood Education must complete core classes with a B- or higher. (pg 126 2017/2018 UM Western Catalog)

Students completing the BS: ECE Prekindergarten through Third Grade or the BS: Early Childhood Education must earn a B- or higher in WRIT 101. (pg 126 2017/2018 UM Western Catalog)

\* EDEC 247 is the Behavioral & Social Science general education requirement specific to this degree (BS: ECE)  
EDEC 247 is not a Core III course at Dawson Community College

\*\*UMW requires 2 science courses from 2 different subjects (one with lab) for the BS but only one for the AAS in Early Childhood.

*A DCC student who successfully completes the courses listed above (under the "Dawson Community College Course Equivalencies") could earn an Associate of Arts, an Associate of Science and an Associate of Applied Science: Early Childhood Education degrees. Due to the credit load, it is advised that the student take courses during the summer semester(s).*

**Montana Western**  
**Teaching & Learning in Early Childhood Education, BS**

**Credit Requirements**

**BS: Teaching & Learning in Early Childhood Education Total Credits: 120**

**General Education: 32 Credits**

Course Subject and Number	MUS Core Gen Ed Area	Course Name	Credits
	Writ/ Oral Comm (4)		4
	Mathematics (4)		4
EDEC. 247	Behavioral Social Science (4)	Child & Adolescent Growth & Development	4
	History (4)		4
	Nat Sci (8)		8
		Total	32

**Early Childhood Core: 32 Credits (Included in AAS)**

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	130	Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood	4
EDEC	210	Meeting The Needs of Families	4
EDEC	230	Positive Child Guidance and Management	4
EDEC	247	Child & Adolescent Growth & Development	(counted in Gen Ed above)
EDEC	273	Early Childhood Curriculum and Environments Part I	4
EDEC	275	Early Childhood Integrated Curriculum and Environments II	4
EDEC	265	Leadership & Professionalism in Early Childhood Education	4
EDEC	354	Fostering Creativity and Movement in Young Children (0-8)	4
EDEC	215	Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood	4

**Early Childhood Specialty: 44 Credits**

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	249	Infant/Toddler Development & Group Care	4
EDEC	340	Practicing Inclusion in Early Childhood Education (PK-3)	4
EDEC	355	Early Childhood Language and Literacy Through Storytelling	4
EDEC	365	The Intentional Teacher: A Critical Approach to EC Research & Applications	4
EDEC	405	Assessment in Early Childhood	4
EDEC	410	Family, Communities, & Culture	4
EDEC	430	Social/Emotional Development in Young Children	4

EDEC	452	Advanced Early Childhood Curriculum and the Project Approach	4
EDEC	453	STEM for EC Professionals (Birth to age 5)	4
EDEC	460	Coaching, Mentoring, and Early Childhood Professional Development	4
EDEC	499A	Senior Capstone: Action Research for the Intentional Teacher	4

**Electives: 12 Credits**

Choose college-level credits with input from a mentor to bring the degree total to 120 credits

## Montana Western Early Childhood Education BS: PreK-3

**Credit Requirements**

**BS: P-3 Early Childhood Education Total Credits: 132**

**General Education: 32 Credits**

Course Subject and Number	MUS Core Gen Ed Area	Course Name	Credits
	Writ/Oral Comm (4)		4
	Mathematics (4)		4
EDEC. 247	Behavioral Social Science (4)	Child & Adolescent Growth & Development	4
	History (4)		4
	Nat Sci (8)		8
		Total	32

**Early Childhood Core: 32 Credits (included in AAS)**

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDEC	210	Meeting The Needs of Families	4
EDEC	230	Positive Child Guidance and Management	4
EDEC	247	Child & Adolescent Growth & Development	Included in Gen Eds Above
EDEC	265	Leadership & Professionalism in Early Childhood Education	4
EDEC	273	Early Childhood Curriculum and Environments Part I	4
EDEC	275	Early Childhood Integrated Curriculum and Environments II	4

**Select 1 course from the following**

EDEC	130	Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood	4
HEE	340	Methods of Health Education	4

**Select 1 course from the following**

EDEC	354	Fostering Creativity and Movement in Young Children (0-9)	4
EDU	397A	Methods: K-8 Integrated Arts for All Learners	4

**Select 1 course from the following**

EDEC	215	Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood	4
EDU	311	Methods: K-8 Integrated Arts for All Learners	4

**P-3 Professional Core: 52 Credits**

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDU	201	Intro to Education With Field Experience	4
EDU	234	Reading & Writing Connections for All Learners K-8	4
EDU	233	Literacy, Language, & Texts	4
EDU	382	Assessment, Curriculum, & Instruction	4
EDU	397M	Methods: Early Math & Numeracy Concepts for Early Childhood	4
EDEC	340	Practicing Inclusion in Early Childhood Education (PK-3)	4
EDEC	355	Early Childhood Language and Literacy Through Storytelling	4
EDEC	405	Assessment in Early Childhood	4
EDEC	430	Social/Emotional Development in Young Children	4
EDU	352	Field Experience K-8 (TEP Gateway I Required)	4
EDU	438	Literacy Assessment, Diagnosis, & Instruction (TEP Gateway I Required)	4
EDEC	432	Science and Social Studies for Early Childhood K-3	4
EDEC	433	Math & Technology in Early Childhood (K-3)	4

**Student Teaching: 12 Credits**

Course	Course #	Course Name	Credits
EDU	494	Teacher Work Sample	2
EDEC	495A	Student Teaching: K-3	10

**Electives**

Choose elective credits from any college-level catalog courses to bring degree to 132 credits



## **Additional K-8 Endorsement with P-3 BS Degree**

### **Required Courses**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
		Completion of the PRAXIS Exam	
EDU	385	Mathematics for K-8 Schools With Pedagogy I	4
EDU	386	Mathematics for K-8 Schools With Pedagogy II	4
EDU	397L	Methods: K-8 Language Arts & Social Studies for All Learners	4
EDU	397S	Methods: K-8 Science & Mathematics Inquiry for All Learners	4









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