



## **Undergraduate Teacher Certification-Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Teacher Certification**

***(Offered by Georgian Court University) revised June 12, 2011***

**Psychology/Elementary (K-5) Education with Teacher of Students with Disabilities (Special Education) Endorsement and optional Specific Subject (5-8) Endorsement. This is a psychology and inclusive elementary education program.**

### **Education Admission Requirements\*:**

- Completion of an AA or at least 60 transferable credits
- Completion of 3 credits in each of the following: composition, literature, American history and geography; and 6-8 credits in mathematics and science; and 6 credits in behavioral sciences (child psychology [must include early adolescence for K-8] and educational psychology)
- Completion of all three of the following courses prior to applying to the program:
  - Introduction to Education (Educ 105)
  - Education Field Experience (Educ 199)
  - Introduction to the Exceptional Child (Educ 217)
- Completion of PSYC105 or 106, PSYC218 and PSYC206 is required prior to enrolling in the program. PSYC 209 and 235 must eventually be taken.
- 2.75 minimum cumulative GPA (from all previous colleges attended)
- Passing scores on Accuplacer or Praxis I reading, writing and mathematics exams, or equiv. exams
- Recent (within 3 years) Mantoux Test.
- Interview with GCU School of Education representative

Other: A NJ Substitute License is highly recommended. A federal fingerprint check is highly recommended. Students who have already completed an AA, or have credits from other colleges may also be considered. Information regarding the federal fingerprint check is available online at [http://www.state.nj.us/njded/educators/crimhist/sm\\_app.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/educators/crimhist/sm_app.pdf).

### **\*Important Notes:**

Students who do not meet all of the above requirements may be admitted as a "Pre-Education" student. This allows students to enroll part-time in non-Education classes offered at the Community University until all requirements are satisfied. "Pre-Education" students may also take Brookdale courses towards their bachelor's degree (if they have not surpassed the transfer credit limit) or take General Education courses at Georgian Court's Campus.

***\* Please be advised that students who are pursuing the psychology and inclusive elementary education program may require more than two years of full-time course work beyond the associate's degree to complete the bachelor's degree requirements for both disciplines. Students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses. Financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only.***

### **Dual Admission**

#### **What does Dual-Admit mean?**

Dual-Admission is a student-focused agreement between Brookdale Community College and Georgian Court University that allows students to be admitted simultaneously into both Brookdale Community College and Georgian Court University, assuring a smooth credit transfer. In fact "Dual-Admit" students are guaranteed admission (assuming the student meets the admissions requirements) and hold a reserved spot in the Georgian Court University program. This means that the students in the dual-admit program are assured that the classes they take at Brookdale will satisfy general education and other course requirements of the bachelor's degree program (if the student follows the approved degree plan) and that graduation requirements will not change, (certain time limits apply) ensuring that they move towards a bachelor's degree seamlessly. By choosing to begin the bachelor's degree program at Brookdale and with the tuition discount for the Community University program, students could make their education much more affordable.

#### **What are the benefits?**

- Each semester, the student will have the opportunity to meet with Georgian Court admissions counselors and faculty members and will receive special advising
- The student will be invited to activities (guest speaker, etc.) at Georgian Court's Lakewood campus as appropriate to the student's major fields of study
- The student may arrange to sit in on a Georgian Court class

- The students will achieve both an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's Degree and will maximize the transferability of credits by following approved degree plans.
- The student has a reserved spot in the bachelor's degree program (assuming s/he meets the admission requirements)
- Graduation requirements will not change (unless changed by the state or an accrediting body) ensuring a seamless transition towards a bachelor's degree (certain time limits apply)
- The Georgian Court application fee is waived
- Brookdale will send the Brookdale transcript to Georgian Court free of charge and automatically
- Brookdale and Georgian Court will carefully monitor the student's progress to help the student earn the bachelor's degree efficiently

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

All currently enrolled Brookdale students prior to their last semester of their associate's degree are eligible to participate in the Dual-Admit program. However, students should enroll at the earliest possible time to ensure they are following the articulated curriculum. Students not eligible to participate in the Dual-Admit program may still apply to the Communiversity/Georgian Court programs and enjoy many of the same benefits such as discounted tuition, high-quality programs, assurance that Brookdale credits applicable to the degree plan will transfer, personalized advisement and convenient small classes located at the Communiversity in Wall Township.

### **How do I learn more?**

Please call the Communiversity at 732-280-7090 for more information. Information Sessions about the Georgian Court/Communiversity Programs will be offered twice a month facilitated by a Georgian Court Admission Counselor. During the Information Sessions, students will have the opportunity to learn about admission requirements, program overview, benefits of Dual-Admission, smooth transfer, and (for education majors) various teacher certification options including the advantages of earning a special education endorsement.

### **What are the next steps after I submit the Dual-Admit application?**

- You will receive a Welcome Letter from Georgian Court
- You are strongly recommended to make an appointment with a Brookdale Counselor
- You will be contacted by Georgian Court and be introduced to your Admissions Advisor who will review the program with you.
- To ensure your progress in the Dual-Admit program, once a semester you will be required to attend a special advisement session
- Periodically, you will be invited to special events

### **Structure of Education and Psychology Part of Program:**

**EDUCATION:** The Georgian Court elementary inclusive teacher certification program at Communiversity consists of three courses from Brookdale Community College (EDUC105, 199 and 217), and eight courses from GCU (ED3100, 3201, 3205, 3206, 3220, 4202, 4213 and 4301). ED4213 meets on a regular basis and includes 15 days in the field. ED4301 is student teaching, which requires placement in a school for the entire semester in addition to biweekly meetings at the GCU campus in Lakewood. Prior to acceptance into ED4301, students must pass the appropriate Praxis II test.

**PSYCHOLOGY:** Eighteen of the 36 hours needed for the psychology major are a set of six required core courses. Two of these courses form the foundation for the major: Introductory Psychology (=Brookdale's PSYC 105 or 106) and Issues in Psychology. Multicultural Psychology is a junior-level required course examining social behavior across cultures. Three senior-level required courses, 1) Applied Statistics and Research Methods OR Experimental Psychology, 2) Cognitive Psychology or Psychology of Learning, and 3) Senior Seminar, provide an opportunity to integrate knowledge from various course areas. The remaining 18 credits required for the major prepare students for a career in teaching as well as for possible future study at the graduate level. GCU offers the courses required for the major at the Communiversity, EXCEPT for PSYC105 or 106, 206, 209, 235 and 218, all of which should be taken at Brookdale.

### **How to Apply:**

Dual-Admit applications are available from the Communiversity, Transfer/Articulation Office, Counseling Department, and the Counseling, Admissions, and Registration (CAR) Building. Students who participate in the Dual Admission program do not need to submit an application apart from the Dual-Admit application. Students who are not eligible to participate in the Dual-Admit Program can download an application at [www.georgian.edu](http://www.georgian.edu) or call the Communiversity for a paper application.

### **Application Deadlines:**

Students may apply to the Dual-Admit Program at any time prior to their last semester at Brookdale. However, students should enroll at the earlier possible time to ensure they are following the articulated curriculum. Priority deadlines for students not participating in the dual-admit program are August 1 for Fall.

### **Part-Time/Full-Time:**

While this program is currently designed as a co-educational, full-time evening program, students may choose to attend on a part-time basis. Students attending part-time are advised of the possibility that they may experience course schedule conflicts that delay degree progress. GCU is not responsible for resolving such conflicts.

**Location:**

Most required courses are offered at the Communiversity located in Wall Township, NJ, or online. Any courses not available at the Communiversity location can be completed at Georgian Court's Lakewood Campus.

**Tuition:**

\$611/credit, plus semester fees. Full-time tuition (for 12 cr) would be \$7,332 which reflects a 45% discount from the Lakewood rate (2011-2012 academic year; tuition subject to change each year).

**Degree FAQ:**

**How many credits can I transfer to this program?**

Georgian Court University will accept all Brookdale courses listed as requirements on the Communiversity Psychology/Elementary Education degree plan (typically 60 credits) plus Brookdale requirements that are not part of the degree plan [e.g., Oral Communications course]. Remaining required course work (typically 61 credits) must be completed through Georgian Court. Georgian Court will accept up to 75 credits from Brookdale or other community colleges. Up to 15 additional credits will be accepted from 4-year institutions. At least 30 credits must be earned at Georgian Court, including at least 21 credits in the Psychology major. Please note that because all education programs include a liberal art/science major and an education major, additional Brookdale course work beyond the associate's degree is required.

**How many credits are required?**

A minimum of 121 credits.

**Can I attend courses at the Lakewood campus as well?**

Yes, if the courses are approved by your advisor and you complete the Inter-program Registration form.

**Once enrolled in this degree program, can I take any Brookdale classes to count towards this degree?**

Yes, if the courses are needed to complete your degree requirements and are approved by your Georgian Court advisor. Students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses. Financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only.

**What can I expect upon applying to Georgian Court University?**

**\*Admission Decision Letter:**

Approximately 3-4 weeks after submitting a complete application but may vary during the busy seasons, (*A complete application includes application, \*application fee, official high school transcripts/GED, and all previous college transcripts*) you will receive confirmation that application was completed and is being reviewed. You will receive a preliminary transfer evaluation with your decision letter.

\*For students participating in the Dual-Admit program, the application fee is waived.

**\*Transfer Evaluation:**

A preliminary transfer credit evaluation will be sent to you with your decision letter. Georgian Court strongly encourages student to use NJTransfer.org prior to their transfer evaluation session or order to receive an approximation of their transfer credits. All students must satisfy graduation requirements as listed in the GCU catalog (including required general education courses, FY201, 1 cr of transferable Physical Education, and 2 approved Experiential Learning experiences).

\*For students participating in the Dual-Admit program, the Admission Decision letter will be sent upon receipt of the Dual-Admit application.

\*As the progress of the Dual-Admit students will be closely monitored, a transfer evaluation/progress check will be completed once a semester.

**Registration Information:**

Accepted students will need to send their non-refundable tuition deposit (\$100 which will be applied to the first semester bill) in order to receive registration information.

**Financial Aid:** To be considered for all sources of financial aid at Brookdale you must be a matriculated student and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). BCC's federal school code is 008404. When you transfer to Georgian Court University, its Financial Aid Office will require you to file a FAFSA using GCU's federal school code 002608. Students transferring mid year (i.e. January) will add Georgian Court to their FAFSA. Students transferring in the Fall will file a new FAFSA. A student cannot receive federal or state financial aid at two schools at the same time.

**Disability Services:**

Accepted students should contact Patti Cohen, Director of The Learning Center at 732-364-2650

**Need further assistance?** Interested students may schedule an appointment with a Communiversity advisor by calling 732-280-7090 x6006 or stopping by the Communiversity in Wall Township between the hours of 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

GCU Psych Faculty Academic Adviser:

Ms. Meredith McCabe 732.987.2125 (or secretary at 2636) mccabem@georgian.edu

GCU Educ Faculty Academic Adviser:

Dr. Timothy Briles 732.987.2656 (or secretary at 2775 or 2740 or 2786) brilest@georgian.edu

GCU Admissions: Ms. Carole Demetriades 732.987.2768 demetriadesc@georgian.edu

New Jersey Coastal Communitiversity  
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	Fall 10	Spr 11	Fall 11	Spr 12	Fall 12	Spr 13	Fall 13
Cohort 10. Begins classes in Fall 2010 (tentative)	PS114 PS423 RS220 or 208 ED3100 FY201 (1cr)	ED3201 ED3205 PS360 or PS432 PS410	ED3220 ED3206 PS300 PS433	ED4202 ED4213 PS455 PL300 or RS334	ED4301		
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PS114: Issues in Psychology	ED3100: Introduction to Educational Technology in an Inclusive Setting
PS423: Psychology of the Exceptional Child	ED3201: Assessment and Instructional Design for Students with Special Needs
PS360: Cognitive Psych	ED3205: Instruction in Literacy for Inclusive Elementary Education I
PS432: Psych of Learning	ED3220: Instruction in Numeracy for Inclusive Education
PS300: Multicultural Psychology	ED4202: Instructional Design for Inclusive Elementary Education
PS410: Applied Statistics and Research Methods	ED3206: Instruction in Literacy for Inclusive Elementary Education II
PS455: Senior Seminar	ED4213: Co-Planning and Co-Teaching for Inclusive Education
RS220: Christian Tradition	ED4301: Student Teaching (12 credits)
PS433: Behavior Modification	FY201: Transfer Seminar (1 credit; 7.5 weeks; often taught online)
PL300: Philosophical Ethics	RS334: Theological Ethics
RS208: Discovering the Bible	

Advising notes for students:

1. Students should take remaining courses as soon as possible. Students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses even if taking a mixture of Brookdale and GCU courses. Financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only. Questions about financial aid should be referred to the GCU financial aid office (732.987.2258 – please identify yourself as a Communitiversity student).
2. All requirements listed in this 5 page handout and GCU catalog MUST eventually be completed (please note in particular Brookdale and GCU major and gen ed courses, and GCU requirements for 1 cr of PE, 1 cr of FY201, and experiential learning). The student’s GCU Registrar-issued Progress Chart shows which requirements have or have not been completed.
3. Some courses may be offered in online mode only. GCU cannot guarantee that courses will be offered on only two days per week or that the days per week will not change from semester to semester.
4. Prior to taking ED3201 and ED4202, students must complete GCU ED3100, ED3105, and ED3110 (or the community college equivalent).
5. Students who believe they are ready to take ED3201 and ED4202 but have 5 or more general education courses left to take cannot enroll in ED3201 and ED4202. Instead, they must “stop out” from the GCU courses for a semester to take remaining general education courses at Brookdale/OCC. Such students will retain a place in the GCU program and “rejoin” the GCU program the next semester by becoming part of the next GCU cohort.
6. Prior to taking ED3220, students must have at least 1 natural science (with laboratory) course and at least 1 mathematics course completed. These should be chosen from among the courses that are part of the program’s degree plan.
7. Students cannot enroll in ED4213 and PS455 unless they have no more than 1 general education course left to take, and no more than 1 psychology course left to take. PS410 must be completed prior to taking PS455.
8. Students should consider taking remaining general education courses and courses that will enable them to qualify for 5-8 endorsement at Brookdale in the summers – all such courses should be completed prior to enrolling in ED4301.
9. Prior to taking ED4301 (a 12 credit course), students must have all other courses in the degree program completed.
10. Communitiversity students must earn at least 49 GCU credits graded A-F to be eligible for degree honors.

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**Frequently Asked Questions about the Georgian Court University  
Education Dual Certification Programs (K-5 with Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement and with  
Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 Endorsement) at NJCC**

***What does dual certification mean?***

The Georgian Court programs prepare candidates for teaching in grades K-5 (Elementary Certification) **and** also include a Special Education Endorsement (Teacher of Students with Disabilities), with an option to earn a Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 Endorsement.

***Why do Georgian Court's programs include a Special Education Endorsement?***

Federal law supports inclusive classrooms. Georgian Court believes that because all teachers will be teaching some students who have special needs, all teachers should be qualified to meet the educational needs of those students.

***What are the advantages of Georgian Court's programs over programs that have only K-5 certification?***

Georgian Court believes that students who have the special education endorsement will make better teachers because they will be better prepared to teach **ALL** students. Georgian Court also believes that such teachers will be highly sought after by school districts because the students have two teaching certifications and therefore will be eligible for more teaching positions than teachers with only K-5 certification. At many other institutions, a special education endorsement is available only as a separate program requiring additional credits of study after first earning a teacher certificate.

***If I graduate from a Georgian Court program, won't I be likely to be teaching in a special education classroom because there is a shortage of special education teachers?***

Georgian Court graduates will be eligible for the same K-5 teaching positions as students graduating from other institutions. In addition, Georgian Court's programs prepare students for the special education endorsement, which qualifies them for even more teaching positions, but the student has to apply for the endorsement. Students who do not wish to teach in a special education classroom can choose not to apply to the state for the endorsement. Regardless of whether the student applies for the endorsement, the student will know how to teach students with special needs.

***Why isn't special education available as a major by itself?***

New Jersey's new teacher licensure code no longer allows students to earn a stand-alone special education certification.

***Can I teach K-8 if I have gone through a K-5 teacher certificate program?***

Yes, if you 1) hold an elementary school endorsement or certificate, 2) complete study in the characteristics of young adolescents by taking BCC's PSYC-206 or equivalent course(s) in child and adolescent psychology/development (a course with a degree title of Adolescent Development is preferred), 3) complete at least 15 semester hours in language arts literacy, mathematics, science or social studies **and** pass the corresponding state-required Middle School Praxis Test. Students must also then apply for the Teacher of a Specific Subject Grades 5-8 Endorsement. Students completing a Georgian Court dual certification K-5 program can therefore become qualified to teach in up to 4 subject fields by taking at least 15 semester hours of credits in each subject field. Georgian Court will allow students in the NJ Coastal Community College program to take all 15 semester hours for each subject field at Brookdale Community College or Ocean County College. Students are strongly advised to choose courses that cover the subject areas in the Praxis Test.

***What are the advantages of these programs over similar programs offered by other colleges and universities, or the same Georgian Court programs offered in Lakewood?***

For NJ Coastal Community College students, Georgian Court will accept all community college credits applicable to the degree plan (sometimes more than 75 credits), compared to a maximum of 75 for Georgian Court students in Lakewood. Most other 4-year institutions accept 60-66 credits from two-year institutions. The per-credit tuition rate at NJCC is \$611 for 2011-2012. NJCC students pay a per-credit rate regardless of how many credits they take. For a student taking 12 credits, this is approximately a 45% discount from the full-time 12 credit tuition for Lakewood students (\$7,332 vs. \$13,370).

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