



Undergraduate Teacher Certification-Bachelor of Arts in English with Teacher Certification

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English/Elementary (K-5) Education with Teacher of Students with Disabilities (Special Education) Endorsement and optional Specific Subject (5-8) Endorsement. This is an English 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 9 credits in behavioral sciences (child psychology [must include early adolescence for K-8], educational psychology and multicultural studies)
 - 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)
 - ENGL231, 232, 235, 236, 245 or 246 must be completed prior to enrolling in any GCU English course.
 - ENGL121,122 and 275 should be completed prior to enrolling in any GCU English course.
 - 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.

*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 CommuniversiTY 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 English 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 CommuniversiTY 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 field 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 the approved degree plan.
- 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 BCC transcript to GCU 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 program and enjoy many of the same benefits such as discounted tuition, high-quality program, 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 Program 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, and smooth transfer.

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 English 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.

ENGLISH: The English major requires 39 credit hours of English courses, of which 24 credits are taken in eight three-credit courses as follows: 1) EN300 An Introduction to Literary Study (a foundational course focusing on research in English and basic literary theory), 2) upper-level Period Courses in Literature, one in each of five areas: Anglo-Saxon and Medieval, Renaissance (should be Brookdale's ENGL275), British, American, and Multi-ethnic, 3) EN429 and 430, Coordinating Seminar I and II, which are capstone courses that provide an overview of all literature written in English and discussion of specific works not covered in other courses, with a second-semester concentration on twentieth-century Britain.

-- The rest of the credits are English electives. All English electives may be taken at Brookdale as can the required Renaissance Literature (satisfied by Brookdale's ENGL275 Shakespeare's Plays). Five English electives must be taken: 1) ENGL235 or 236, 2) ENGL245 or 246, 3) Three from among the following: ENGL128 (Writing from Female Experience), ENGL155 (Short Story), ENGL156 (Intro to Poetry), ENGL158 (Intro to Lit), ENGL168 (Contemporary Plays), ENGL175 (Woman as Author), ENGL206 (Approaches to Literary Studies), ENGL221 (Creative Writing), ENGL231 (British Lit I), ENGL232 (British Lit II), ENGL235 (World Lit I), ENGL236 (World Lit II), ENGL245 (American Lit I), ENGL246 (American Lit II), ENGL255 (Contemporary Novel), ENGL265 (Children's Lit), ENGL266 (Young Adult Lit). One of the five may be from among ENGL223 (Poetry Writing

Wkshp), ENGL224 (Fiction Writing Wkshp), ENGL225 (Technical Writing), or ENGL227 (Creative Non-Fiction Wkshp).

-- In addition to the 39 credits of required courses, students take Brookdale's ENGL121 and 122 (English Composition I and II).

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 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 per semester, which is 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?

Up to 75 credits may be transferred from Brookdale Community College.

How many credits are required?

Typically, students will earn a minimum of 130 credits to meet requirements for the BA in English with Teacher Certification.

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. Ordinarily, the undiscounted tuition applies to courses taken at the Lakewood campus.

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 degree requirements and are approved by your GCU 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. Graduates of an accredited New Jersey community college who have earned an A.A. or A.S. degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and have completed the general education requirements established in the statewide agreement will transfer those general education credits in full to satisfy a minimum of 45 (A.A.) or 30 (A.S.) credits of the Georgian Court General Education Requirements. Only courses in which a grade of "C" or higher has been achieved are eligible for transfer. Courses transferred as part of the community college's general education program that have Georgian Court general education equivalents will be transferred as those equivalent courses. Other general education courses required by the community

college will be transferred as general education electives. If an equivalency is not transferred, all three of the following Georgian Court general education courses must be taken: **a designated Religious Studies course (Discovering the Bible or Christian Tradition), the Shaping Lives: Women and Gender course, and a junior-level Philosophical Ethics or Theological Ethics course.** Students who have not earned a total of 51 credits in the general education area after completing the three courses listed above must earn the remaining general education credits by choosing courses that satisfy general education categories for which the students did not transfer equivalent courses.

All students must also satisfy the following Georgian Court graduation requirements: 1 cr Transfer Student Seminar, 1 cr in activity-based Physical Education (should be transferred), and Experiential Learning (two approved experiences must be successfully completed: one must be a designated course that has a service learning component; the second must be an internship, a designated study abroad or travel abroad experience, or another course with a service learning component).

*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. BCC's federal school code is 008404. When you transfer to Georgian Court, 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 732-987-2650

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 English Faculty Academic Adviser (may change): Dr. Paul Cappucci 732.987.2310 cappuccip@georgian.edu

GCU Education 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

Georgian Court University and Brookdale Community College: New Jersey Coastal Communiversi

B.A. English / EI Ed (subject to change)

	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Fall 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Fall 2013
Cohort 3 (with teacher cert.)	^EN300 ^Am. Lit (EN310) ^FY201(7.5 wks) ^RS208 or 220 ^ED3100	^Multi-ethnic Lit ^British Lit ^ED3201 ^ED3205	^EN429 ^EN313 ^ED3220 ^ED3206	^EN430 ^PL300 or RS334 ^ED4202 ^ED4213	^ED4301		
Cohort 4 (with teacher cert.)			^EN300 ^Am. Lit (EN310) ^FY201(7.5 wks) ^RS208 or 220 ^ED3100	^Multi-ethnic Lit ^British Lit ^ED4202 ^ED3201	^EN429 ^AngloSax/Med. ^ED3205 ^ED3220	^EN430 ^PL300 or RS334 ^ED3206 ^ED4213	^ED4301
Cohort 5 (with teacher cert.)					^EN300 ^Am. Lit (EN310) ^FY201(7.5 wks) ^RS208 or 220 ^ED3100	^Multi-ethnic Lit ^British Lit ^ED4202 ^ED3201	^EN429 ^AngloSax/Med ^ED3205 ^ED3220

^Required course. British Lit and American Lit are 300/400 level specialized courses, not equivalent to BCC's ENGL231,232,245,246.

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated

EN300: Intro/Gateways to Literary Study	FY201: Transfer Student Seminar (1 cr)
EN301 or 302: Shakespeare I, II	RS208: Discovering the Bible
British Lit: one of 6 300-level courses	RS220: Christian Tradition
AngloSax/Medieval Lit: one of 3 300-level courses	PL300: Philosophical Ethics
EN310: American Drama	RS334: Theological Ethics
American Lit:: one of 5 300-level courses	ED3205: Instruct in Literacy Inclusive EI Ed I
EN429: Coordinating Seminar I	ED3220: Instruction in Numeracy Inclusive Ed
EN430: Coordinating Seminar II	ED4202: Instruct Design Inclusive Elementary Education
Multi-ethnic Lit: one of 4 courses	ED3206: Instruct in Literacy Inclusive EI Education II
ED3100: Intro Ed Tech in Inclusive Setting	ED4213: Co-Planning and Co-Teaching for Inclusive Ed
ED3201: Assess Instruct Design Special Needs	ED4301: Student Teaching (12 credits)

Advising notes for students:

- Students must complete ENGL235, 236, 245 or 246 prior to enrolling in any GCU English course.
- Students should have completed ENGL121,122 and 275 prior to enrolling in any GCU English course.
- The program is designed for full-time students. Students enrolling on a part-time basis should realize that they may experience some course conflicts. GCU is not responsible for resolving such conflicts.
- 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 Communiversi student).
- All requirements listed in this 6 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.
- 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.
- Prior to taking ED3201 and ED4202, students must complete GCU ED3100, ED3105, and ED3110 (or the community college equivalent).
- 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.
- 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.
- Senior status within the English major is required before enrolling in EN429 and EN430.
- Students cannot enroll in ED4213 and EN430 unless they have no more than 1 general education course left to take, and no more than 1 English course left to take.
- 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.
- Prior to taking ED4301 (a 12 credit course), students must have all other courses in the degree program completed.
- Communiversi 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 Communiversities 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 Communiversities 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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