

Tips for Transfers with AA/AS Degrees, Early Childhood and Elementary Education Majors, Entering 9/2011 and After

- **Make sure that you have the prerequisite courses:**
 - Anthropology 2020: Diversity and Equity in Schools
 - Psychology 2100: Developmental Psychology (Psychology 1100 is required to take this) (PSYC 105 = PSYC 1100; PSYC 206 or 207 or 208 = PSYC 2100)
 - Six credits of college-level math (usually Math 1100 or 1090, and 1110 or higher; basic math does not count) (MATH 131, 136, 137)
 - Six credits of college science, including at least one lab science
 - Six credits of history, including at least one American history course
- **Make sure you have the courses required for graduation:**
 - Six credits of foreign language
- **Identify your second major (a liberal arts or sciences area) and take courses right away that meet the requirements for this major. You will want to finish most of the second major courses before your last two semesters at WPU.**
- **Your last two semesters at WPU should be focused almost entirely on your education courses.**
- **Become familiar with these important websites:**
 - College of Education--<http://cms.wpunj.edu/coe/>
 - Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education--
<http://cms.wpunj.edu/coe/departments/elem/>
 - Office of Educational Enrollment and Certification--
<http://cms.wpunj.edu/coe/departments/cert/>
 - Office of Field Experiences--<http://cms.wpunj.edu/coe/departments/field/>
- **Complete the writing assessment, and speech and hearing assessments required before you can be matriculated in the education major. Information is on the Office of Educational Enrollment and Certification website listed above.**
- **Maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA at WPU. (You will need *at least a C in ANTH 2020, PSY 2100, and all education courses, and a B average in your education courses* before student teaching.)**
- **Meet with your education advisor and your second major advisor as soon as they are assigned. You will need to plan when you will do your field placements so that you can submit your applications for the practicum and student teaching semesters (due a year in advance).**
- **You will need to take and pass all the appropriate Praxis II exam(s) before student teaching. If you are an elementary education major (or an early childhood dual major), you should sign up right away for the Elementary Content Knowledge Praxis II**

(#10014) through www.ets.org. If you are getting the 5-8 endorsement, take the middle school content area Praxis II as soon as you have completed most of your second major. If you are an early childhood major, take the early childhood content knowledge Praxis II in your second semester of the education sequence. The Office of Educational Enrollment and Certification website has information about the Praxis II tests and passing scores. Passing scores must be received by the Office of Educational Enrollment and Certification by August 1st for fall student teaching, and by January 1st for spring student teaching. For your scores to be reported appropriately, you must use codes 2518 for WPU and R7666 for the New Jersey Department of Education. Be sure to use your social security number when registering for the Praxis exams and make sure to print and save your scores once they become available on-line through ETS.

- **As soon as you have 60 credits, apply for a substitute license. You will need one by the second semester of your education courses. This will require you to be fingerprinted and to have a Mantoux test for tuberculosis. You can apply through your local school district or through the Passaic Educational Services Commission. The Office of Field Experiences has information on this.**

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