

Program Exception for Elementary Education Degrees

In the case of GE in elementary education programs, both state licensure and programmatic accreditation requirements specify that GE courses in specific discipline areas must be completed to adequately prepare students to teach a wide array of subjects. Because of the rigid programmatic accreditation and licensure requirements associated with elementary education, a full blanket GE exception for elementary education programs is granted. Thus, it will not be necessary for a university or college to submit a request to continue requiring – and not waive – a specific requirement in the GE area of the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree.

What Does this Mean for Advising?

When serving a community college student who intends to transfer to a state university or Washburn University and major in elementary education, the student will need to adhere to the GE section detailed within the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree.

Please note that taking any course that falls outside the scope of the GE section prescribed in the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree will likely result in loss of credit and increase time to degree for community college students. Thus, please ensure that advisors understand that the GE requirements specified in the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree serve as the GE path for community college students who wish to transfer and complete an elementary education degree at a state university or Washburn University.

What does this mean for GE requirements for transfer students who wish to major in elementary education at one of the state universities or Washburn University?

- If a student completed the Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program
 - The 34-35-hour GE section of the degree would be considered completed at the receiving institution.
 - In total, when the student has completed the Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree, at least 60 credit hours will transfer and apply toward the completion of specific requirements in the baccalaureate degree in elementary education.
- If a student completed the GE section of the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program BUT did not complete the full Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program
 - The 34-35-hour GE section of the degree would be considered completed at the receiving institution.
- If a student did not complete the Systemwide GE section of the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program BUT completed the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree arts and humanities bucket (US History to 1877 OR US History Since 1877 AND 3 hours from: Art Appreciation, Art History I, Art History II, Music Appreciation, Theatre Appreciation, Intro to Literature, American Literature I, or American Literature II).
 - The arts and humanities bucket would be completed.