

TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE



**Southern Maine Community College
& University of Maine Farmington**



Statement of Purpose

Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and the University of Maine Farmington (UMF) have entered into this transfer articulation agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from a two-year community college to the University of Maine Farmington. This agreement shall describe the required program of study at SMCC and the specific course equivalencies for the UMF Baccalaureate Degree Program indicated.

Terms & Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

To: BS Early Childhood Education, UMF Prek-Grade 3 Certification

From: AAS Early Childhood Education, SMCC

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned AAS Early Childhood Education degrees from Southern Maine Community College shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as UMF students. All applications accepted to UMF Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in the following pages.

Appendix A Contains Admission Requirements of the Receiving Institution

Appendix B Contains Side By Side Course Equivalency Tables for the academic program listed above

Appendix C Contains a four-semester map of remaining courses to be taken at UMF

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Articulation Agreement between Southern Maine Community College & University of Maine Farmington

APPENDIX A

Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution

This agreement includes specific requirements for admission into a program, outlines requirements, and indicates which degree or diploma can be used to meet program prerequisites as well as general education, major or program, and graduation requirements.

Admissions Requirements

Students apply to the University of Maine Farmington. The application is also reviewed by the Early Childhood Education faculty. Requirements for admission to UMF include: a completed application form, an application fee (currently waived), official transcripts from all colleges attended, and a personal statement.

Requirements for admission to the Early Childhood Education Program – Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3 Certification:

UMF admissions requirements listed above, recommendations in support of your interest in teaching, an essay that reflects your desire to teach at the appropriate age level and highlighting any relevant work experience, and completion of UMF in-field disposition evaluation.

For coursework to transfer to UMF, a student must earn a grade of C- or better.

For a list of application instructions and checklist: <https://www.umf.maine.edu/admissions-aid/>

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Prek-Grade 3 Certification Track (See Appendix C)

Remaining required course work is listed in Appendix C; a complete list of required courses can be found here <https://www.umf.maine.edu/academics/academic-catalogs/>.

Students must have grades of B- or higher in all their professional education courses, with the possibility of one exemption for extenuating circumstances (although the student must earn a minimum grade of C- in that particular course), while attaining an accumulative GPA of 2.750 or higher to graduate. Practicum courses cannot be considered for this exemption.

Residency Requirement

All students in baccalaureate degree programs must earn the following from the University of Maine at Farmington: 1) a minimum of 12 of the credits required by their major program(s) at the 200 level or above*, and 2) a minimum of 30 of the total required credits.

*An academic program may require that more than 12 credits of advanced coursework and/or specific coursework, such as a capstone course, be completed at UMF.

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APPENDIX B

Transfer from A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education at Southern Maine Community College to University of Maine Farmington Bachelor's Degree Program in Early Childhood Education Pre-K -Grade 3 Certification

If courses in Appendix B are not taken at SMCC, the sequence represented in Appendix C might not be observed.

Only courses in which a student has earned a grade of C- or higher are considered for transfer; B- grade or better in all courses required for the major. Students must complete their CHRC prior to enrolling at UMF in order to guarantee that their program will be completed in two years as described in Appendix C.

Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

SMCC General Education Requirements			UMF Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
FIGS 100	Freshman Interest Group	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	ENG 100	Writing Seminar	3
ENGL 110	Oral Communications	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 1XX	English Elective	3
MATH 115 or MATH 112	Found of Math for Teachers or Quantitative Reasoning	3	MAT 103 or MAT 100	Numbers, Operations, and Algebraic Thinking for Elementary Education Teachers or Introduction to Mathematics	3
	Natural Science with Lab	4		Natural Science Gen Ed	4
PSYC 100	Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 101	General Psychology	3
	Social Science Elective	3		Course in sociology, anthropology, economics, geography, history, or political science.	3
Total credits		23	Total credits accepted		23

SMCC Major Requirements			UMF Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ECED 100	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 150	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 220	Observation and Recordkeeping	3	ECH 2XX	Early Childhood Elective	3
ECED 110	Child Development	3	PSY 225	Child & Adolescent Development	3
ECED 150	Infant and Toddler Caregiving	3	ECH 250	Infants and Toddlers: Development and Care	3
ECED 160	Positive Guidance	3	ECH 1XX	Early Childhood Elective	3
ECED 200	Children's Literature & Lang	3	ECH 203	Children's Literature	3
ECED 210	Teach Children with Exceptionalities	3	ECS 103	Introduction to Teaching Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED 225	Student Teaching Practicum I	4	ECH 196	Practicum and Seminar in Early Childhood Education	3
			ECH 2XX	Early Childhood Elective	1
ECED 250	Curriculum Development for Young Children	3	ECH 2XX	Early Childhood Elective	3

ECED 260	Early Childhood Program Administration	3	ECH 367	Leadership, Administration and Advocacy in Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 270	Diverse and Responsive Education	3	ECH 200	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices and Principles in Early Childhood Settings	3
ECED 275	Student Teaching Practicum II	6	ECH 2XX	Early Childhood Electives (2)	6
Major Crs		40			40
Total SMCC Cr.		63	Total Credits accepted		63

Note: A grade of C or higher is needed for ENG 100.

APPENDIX C

Remaining UMF's College Degree Requirements On Campus Program

SMCC AAS Early Childhood graduates to complete the BS in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K to Grade 3
Based on student entering with 63 transfer credits

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 296 Practicum and Seminar in Pre-K to Grade 3 Education	3	ECH 305 Early Literacy, Emergent Reading, and Writing	3
Arts and Sciences General Education Elective	3	Natural Science General Education	3-4
Arts General Education	3	ECH 384 Developing Science Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3
MAT 103 (If equivalent not taken at SMCC) or MAT 104 Geometry and Measurement for Elementary Teachers	3	ECH 256 Creative Arts for the Young Child	3
ECH 232 Social Science for the Young Child	3	Open Elective	3
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15-16

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 450 Senior Seminar: Research in Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 460 Student Teaching & Seminar in Early Childhood Education PK-Grade 3	15
ECH 336 Development of Mathematical Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3		
ECH 440 Children, Families, and Communities	3		
SED 300 Including Students with Exceptionalities in General Education	3		
Semester Credits	12	Semester Credits	15
UMF Total Credits: 57-58			
SMCC Total Credits: 63			
SMCC and UMF Total Credits: 120-121			

Note: Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits to be awarded a UMF degree.

APPENDIX C
Remaining UMF's College Degree Requirements
Off Campus Program

SMCC AAS Early Childhood graduates to complete the BS in Early Childhood Education, Pre-K to Grade 3
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Year One Fall		Year One Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 336 Development of Mathematical Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3	ECH 256 Creative Arts for the Young Child	3
ECH 232 Social Science for the Young Child	3	Open Elective	3
Arts and Sciences General Education Elective	3	ECH 305 Early Literacy, Emergent Reading, and Writing	3
Semester Credits	9	Semester Credits	9

Year One Summer	
Course	Credit
MAT 104 Geometry and Measurement for Elementary Teachers	3
Natural Science General Education (Different Discipline)	3-4
Semester Credits	6-7

Year Two Fall		Year Two Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ECH 384 Developing Science Concepts and Thinking in Young Children	3	SED 300 Including Students with Exceptionalities in General Education	3
ECH 440 Children, Families, and Communities	3	Arts General Education	3
ECH 450 Senior Seminar: Research in Early Childhood Education	3	ECH 296 Practicum and Seminar in Pre-K to Grade 3 Education	3
Semester Credits	9	Semester Credits	9

Year Three Fall			
Course	Credit		
ECH 460 Student Teaching PK-3	15		
Semester Credits	15		
UMF Total Credits: 57-58			
SMCC Total Credits: 63			
SMCC and UMF Total Credits: 120-121			

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ARTICULATION IMPLEMENTATION AND AGREEMENT REVIEW

The Chief Academic Officer designee of the collaborating institutions shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

Signatures to this Agreement

This agreement becomes effective June 1, 2026, and will be reviewed in Spring 2029 for renewal discussion.

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