The Elementary Education Transfer major is for students that want to teach grades 1-6 in a public or private school. Elementary students have to transfer to a four-year school in order to be certified by the Department of Education. Students who want to teach in public or private elementary school in grade K-2 can be either Early Childhood or Early Childhood Transfer majors. Elementary Education is a Liberal Arts and Science degree. Courses taken at MCC are to satisfy general education requirements, education classes are taken at the Bachelor’s degree program.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS
WITH ACADEMIC ADVISING

Throughout each semester, meet with your advisor so that he/she can guide you through a self-exploration process that will help you identify your academic and career interests.

**Beginning of Semester:**
- Schedule an appointment to meet with your academic advisor during the first few weeks to discuss future plans and how an Elementary Education Transfer Degree can help you achieve your goals.
- Explore your personal interests by completing Focus2, an online career assessment tool: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careerservices/focus2.aspx

**Mid-Semester:**
- Schedule an appointment with academic advisor review your academic progress, Focus2 results and create an academic plan in Degree Works.

**Before Semester Ends:**
- Schedule an appointment to discuss and register for the classes you will take the following semester. (Early November for spring, Early April for fall and summer)
- Visit the Academic Career & Transfer Center or call 1-800-818-3434 to schedule an appointment.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TRANSFER OUTCOMES

Graduates of the program are prepared to:
- Demonstrate effective written and oral communication;
- Demonstrate knowledge of issues pertaining to teaching;
- Interpret and analyze information in order to engage in critical thinking and problem solving;
- Demonstrate social responsibility
IS THE EARLY CHILDHOOD MAJOR THE RIGHT FIT FOR ME?

To decide if the Elementary Education Transfer Major is right for you, answer the following questions:

- Do you enjoy working with school age children?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Early Childhood Teachers can work with children from as young as 8 weeks to 8 years of age.

- Do you want to teach in a preschool, Kindergarten to grade 2?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Early Childhood majors like to teach with this age group. The Elementary Education major covers grade 1 to 6. If a student wants to teach grades K, 1, or 2, you can choose either Early Childhood or Early Childhood Transfer.

- Do you like working holidays like Columbus Day or President’s Day  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Some childcare centers close only on the ten major holidays, while public schools are closed.

- Do you like to plan and research different lesson ideas?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Teachers are required to plan their own lessons in the different content areas by using the Massachusetts Core Competencies and Preschool Learning Experiences.

- Do you like to work with children with special needs?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Many elementary education classrooms have children with diagnosed and undiagnosed special needs.

- Do you want to teach in your own preschool classroom?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Early childhood teachers are certified by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). Students need four courses plus classroom experience to be lead teacher certified and are then able to teach in their own preschool classroom.

- Are you responsible, dependable and rarely call in sick?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Children’s lives are built on routines and they depend on early childhood teachers to be reliable, dedicated, and committed to their job.

- Do you like to take trainings and courses to further your education  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No
  Teachers are required to take courses and attain professional development points each year to maintain certification in the field.

- Do you have patience, understanding, compassion, and a desire to make a difference in someone’s life?  
  [ ] Yes [ ] No

If you answered yes to all the above questions, then you should enter the Early Childhood Education Transfer program!
THE CAREER PATH
There are many and varied options to consider within the Elementary Education Transfer Degree. Here are some of the common career pathways:
- Public School Teacher in Grades 1-6
- Special Education Teacher
- Paraprofessional in Public School
- Guidance Counselor
- School Age Afterschool Program Director

Career Planning Activities:
- Work with advisor to discuss MassTransfer, Articulations and transfer agreements
- Visit your selected campuses in person. Every college looks good online or in a glossy photo, but you can get a better feel when you visit
- Meet with transfer counselor to identify transfer scholarships.
- Research admissions requirements and deadlines at 4-year colleges and universities

THE TRANSFER PATH
The Transfer Path process can be complex. A Transfer Counselor can help you with the process. There is an Education Transfer Articulation Compact with Salem State University and Fitchburg State University. Salem State University has a non-licensure track for preschool teachers, which means that you don’t have to pass the Massachusetts Teacher and Educator Licensure (MTEL) tests. The education compact assures student that if they take the courses in the Program of Studies required for the major, the transfer college will accept the MCC credits, if the grades are higher than a C. If students choose another college that does not have the Education Transfer Compact, but has MassTransfer Compact, the students are guaranteed credit transfer to Massachusetts state universities Students should check the requirements of the transfer institution and schedule a transfer counseling appointment with an advisor in the Academic, Career and Transfer Center to discuss specific program planning.

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CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (CORI) CHECKS:
In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly, the student may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check. Students found to have certain criminal convictions or pending criminal actions will be presumed ineligible to participate in such activities.

MCC ADVISING RESOURCES
Career Services:
https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careerservices
Transfer Services:
https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/transfer
MassTransfer:
https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/transfer/masstransfer.aspx
Financial Aid:
https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/financialaid
Foundation Scholarships:
https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships
College Board Match Maker:
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search

Schools linked to the Elementary Education major through the Education Transfer Articulation Compact:
- Salem State University
- Fitchburg State University

Schools linked to the Elementary Education major through MassTransfer*:
- Bridgewater State University
- Framingham State University
- Mass College of Liberal Arts
- Worcester State University

Private Schools you can transfer to:
- Wheelock College
- Lesley University

*You must have a 2.75 GPA and pass Communication and Literacy MTEL for admission