DIVISION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Department of Higher Education has established an elementary (grades 1-6) education transfer compact for students transferring from Massachusetts community colleges to public colleges and universities that offer elementary education public school teacher licensure at the baccalaureate level. Completion of the courses required for this transfer compact with a 2.75 cumulative GPA prepares students for the elementary licensure programs at Massachusetts state colleges or university campuses.

Upon successful completion, the Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Elementary Education is awarded.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to attend an Orientation to Teacher Education during the first semester of attendance and to maintain frequent contact with an Education Advisor to avoid delays in degree achievement.

To be admitted for transfer into the education department of a Massachusetts state college or university, students must achieve a passing score on the Communication and Literacy Skills Test (CLST) of the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Students are urged to take this test immediately after completing EN 102 to assess the need for additional preparation. Students need a minimum of 2.75 GPA to be accepted into an Education program at a four-year college or university.

CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) and SORI (Sexual Offender Registry Information) background checks are required prior to practicum placement and will be conducted by the practicum location in accordance with state regulations. CORI and SORI results are confidential.

PROGRAM FOOTNOTES

Students should consult an Education Department Advisor before selecting electives. Transfer institutions may differ in requirements for general education courses. The planned Liberal Arts major after transfer (required of Education students) should also be considered in course selection.

Humanities Electives: Art, Communication, English (EN103 or higher), ESL (ES 100 or higher; up to 6 credits), Film, Foreign Language, Humanities, Literature, Music, Oral Communication, Philosophy, Photography, Sign Language, Theater Arts

Social Science Electives: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Law, Psychology, Sociology

A grade of C or higher is required in ED 115 Education in American Society and PS 222 Child Development. For transfer purposes, all other course grades should be C or higher.

Quantitative skills are a MassBay graduation competency for associate degree programs. Prior to graduation, students must demonstrate this competency by completing a 100-level math course (not MAC); or placing into a 200-level mathematics course.

This program qualifies for MassTransfer with select public institutions in Massachusetts. For more information, please visit www.mass.edu/masstransfer.