

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
RADFORD UNIVERSITY, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM  
AND  
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Virginia Community College and Radford University exist to provide educational services and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Virginia Community College and Radford University cooperate effectively to ensure that citizens of the Commonwealth receive the highest quality educational experiences and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Virginia Community College and Radford University desire to reduce transfer barriers between the two institutions; now and

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Virginia Community College and Radford University make the following articulation agreement:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Admission to the Radford University Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Interdisciplinary Studies program will be open to any student who has completed the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Early Childhood Development as outlined in the section titled "Program of Study."
2. All courses taken at accredited institutions other than Radford University will transfer to this program only if passed with a grade of "C" or better.
3. No fewer than 30 semester hours must be taken at Radford University; at least 50 percent of the Interdisciplinary Studies major (as defined by the School of Teacher Education and Leadership) must be Radford University courses. The total program consists of a minimum of 120 semester hours. To graduate with honors from Radford University, a student must complete 60 semester hours at Radford University. If a student has completed 59 or fewer hours at RU and has established a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, that student can graduate "with distinction."
4. The program requirements may be modified to conform to any changes in academic programs at Radford University or the Interdisciplinary Studies program degree requirements. Any such revisions will be communicated to currently enrolled students and the Academic Dean of Southwest Virginia Community College by April 1 preceding the academic year in which the new requirements would take effect. Radford University reserves the right to change, when warranted, any of the provisions of this agreement, course offerings, assigned teaching faculty, calendars, class locations, and fees as might be required. All teacher education programs are subject to change based on regional, state, and federal approval and accreditation guidelines.

**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

1. Core coursework requirements at **Southwest Virginia Community College** (16 semester hours)
2. Pre-professional education requirements at **Southwest Virginia Community College** (24 semester hours)
3. Professional Education requirements at **Southwest Virginia Community College** (9 semester hours).
4. Additional coursework required for the associate's degree at **Southwest Virginia Community College** (13 semester hours: These credits will transfer to Radford and will count as electives).
5. Core coursework requirements through **Radford University** (6 semester hours)
6. Pre-professional education requirements through **Radford University** (22 semester hours)

7. Professional Education requirements through **Radford University** (24-27 semester hours which includes field work/internship).
8. Additional coursework required for bachelor's degree at Radford University (3-6 semester hours depending on whether the student is completing the licensure or non-licensure option).

**Southwest Virginia Community College Academic Requirements**

The following table shows the Radford University transfer course equivalency for each required course in the SWCC A.A.S., Early Childhood Development, degree program. Students will complete a total of 62 hours of coursework at SWCC prior to matriculating to the RU program.

<b>SWCC A.A.S. Early Childhood Development</b>	<b>Semester hours</b>
<b>CORE CURRICULUM</b>	<b>16 hours</b>
ENG 111	3
ENG 112	3
MTH 154	3
BIO 101	4
HIS 121 or 122	3
<b>PRE-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>24 hours</b>
PSY 230	3
CHD 210	3
ENG 241 or 242 or 250	3
CHD 120	3
CHD 166	3
CHD 165	3
CHD 265	3
CHD 118	3
<b>PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>9 hours</b>
CHD 216	3
EDU 200	3
CHD 270	3
<b>ADDITIONAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATES DEGREE</b>	<b>13 hours</b>
SDV 100	1
CHD 145	3
CHD 146	3
CHD 205	3
HLT 135	3
<b>Total hours required</b>	<b>62</b>

### Radford University Academic Requirements

The following courses are required for completion of degree requirements for the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Special Education. Students in this program will also have the option to earn a teaching endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education. These courses must be completed through Radford University.

<b>RU B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies: Early Childhood Special Education</b>	<b>Semester hours</b>
<b>CORE COURSEWORK AND ELECTIVES</b>	<b>6 hours</b>
MATH 122	3
HIST 101 or 102	3
<b>PRE-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>22 hours</b>
EDUC 415	3
PHSC 350	4
EDSP 363	3
EDSP 436	3
EDSP 438	3
EDSP 439	3
EDSP 451	3
<b>PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: Students will choose either the licensure option or the non-licensure option</b>	<b>27 hours</b>
<u>Licensure Option</u>	<b>27 hours</b>
EDEC 430	3
EDSP 437	3
EDSP 440	3
EDSP 445	3
EDSP 450	9
EDSP 462	3
EDSP 465	3
<u>Non-Licensure Option</u>	<b>24 hours</b>
EDEC 410	3
EDSP 400	3
EDSP 440	3
EDSP 462	3
EDEC 420	6
EDEC 425	3
EDSP 454	3
<b>ADDITIONAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATES DEGREE</b>	<b>3-6 hours</b>
Electives (3cr. for licensure option; 6 cr. for non-licensure option)	3-6
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>58</b>

**Total Semester Hours Required for the Program**

**120 Semester Hours**

NOTE: Students who complete the A.A.S. in Early Childhood Development at Southwest Virginia Community College and requirements needed for the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (with a teaching endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education) will complete a total of 120 semester hours of credit.

All students pursuing the teacher licensure option must meet the following requirements:

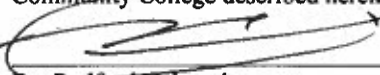
1. A 2.5 grade point average at RU;
2. A 2.5 grade point average in the major;
3. A 2.5 grade point average in professional education coursework;
4. Must have a grade of C or higher on all pre-professional and professional education coursework
5. No record of criminal violations or violations of RU codes and policies;

6. Passing scores on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics assessment, and the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) for formal admission to the RU Teacher Education program.
7. All of the requirements above must be maintained in order to be eligible for graduation.

All students will complete a formal review process for admission to the Radford University Teacher Education Program.

It is important to note that this agreement is not exclusively intended for students who matriculate through the A.A.S, Early Childhood Development degree program at Southwest Virginia Community College. Any student who has completed the required coursework may also be accepted to this program.

We the undersigned verify that the articulation agreement between Radford University and Southwest Virginia Community College described herein is approved for immediate implementation.

  
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For Radford University

10/28/20  
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For Southwest Virginia Community College

10/21/2020  
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