

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RADFORD UNIVERSITY, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES/ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM
AND
VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SOCIAL SCIENCES OR GENERAL STUDIES
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Virginia Western 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 in Science (AS) degree in Social Science Education Track 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 45 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 121 semester hours; 30 of the last 39 semester hours of the degree must be completed through Radford University. 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 Virginia Western 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 curriculum requirements at **Virginia Western Community College** (40 semester hours)
2. Interdisciplinary Core requirements at **Virginia Western Community College** (10 semester hours)
3. Social Science concentration requirement at **Virginia Western Community College** (12 semester hours). Students will need a minimum of 6 semester hours above the Associate's degree to satisfy the Social Science concentration requirements; these requirements are to be completed at **Virginia Western Community College** prior to beginning the Radford University program. This requirement may vary based on specific courses completed by individual students. Other concentrations will be considered in lieu of

the social science concentration based on individual student's academic course work; the decision to accept an alternative concentration will be made by the Director of Academic Advising in consultation with the RU Roanoke Coordinator and the Assistant Dean/Director of Field Experience.

4. Interdisciplinary Core requirements through **Radford University** (9 semester hours)
5. Special Education concentration requirements through **Radford University** (12 semester hours)
6. Professional Education requirements through **Radford University** (39 semester hours which includes 27 hours of field work/internship). Note: The 1 credit hour, EDU 100 course at **Virginia Western Community College** does not transfer to Radford University but it is used to satisfy the 50-hour observation/experience requirement.
7. Additional hours required for the associate's degree (most of which will transfer to RU) will round out the program (11 semester hours).

All students pursuing this program must meet the following requirements:

1. A 3.0 grade point average at RU;
2. A 3.0 grade point average in the major;
3. A 3.0 grade point average in professional education coursework;
4. Must have a grade of C or higher on all RU coursework
5. No record of criminal violations or violations of RU codes and policies;
6. Passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics assessment, PRAXIS II: Elementary Education Multiple Subjects assessment, and the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) for formal admission to the RU Teacher Education program. A passing score on the Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education assessment (RVE) is required for licensure.
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.S., Social Science degree program at Virginia Western Community College. Any student who has completed the required coursework may also be accepted to this program. RU courses will be offered at the Higher Education Center in downtown Roanoke or at the Thomas Center on the Virginia Western Community College campus. In special cases, courses may be offered at other locations on the Virginia Western Community College campus.

Virginia Western Community College Academic Requirements

The following table shows the Radford University transfer course equivalency for each required course in the VWCC A.S., Social Sciences (with Education Specialization), degree program. It is important to note that 47 of the 60 credit hours required for the Associates degree can be applied to the Interdisciplinary Studies degree. Students will have to complete an additional 15 credit hours beyond the A.S. degree to be eligible for the IDS degree program with elementary licensure. Thus, students will complete a total of 62 hours of coursework at Virginia Western prior to matriculating to the RU program.

CORE CURRICULUM	Semester hours
University Core A	12 hours
ENG 111 – transfer equivalent for CORE 101	3
ENG 112 – transfer equivalent for CORE 102	3
CST 100 – transfer equivalent for COMMS 114	3
PHI 101 – transfer equivalent for PHIL 111	3
University Core B	16 hours
MTH 151 – transfer equivalent for MATH 121	3
BIO 101 – transfer equivalent for BIOL 105	4
HIS 111 – transfer equivalent for HIST 101	3
ECO 201 – transfer equivalent for ECON 205	3
ART 101 – transfer equivalent for ART 215	3
College Core A	3 hours
HIS 121 – transfer equivalent for HIST 111	3
College Core B	9 hours
MTH 152 – transfer equivalent for MATH 122	3
ENG 241 – transfer equivalent for ENG 203	3
PSY 200 – transfer equivalent for PSYC 121	3
INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE	10 hours
PLS 120 or 130 or 135 or 211 – transfer equivalent for POSC 110	3
MTH 157 – transfer equivalent for STAT 200	3
Science elective – must be from a discipline different than the one used for University Core B	4
SOCIAL SCIENCE CONCENTRATION	12 hours
GEO 210 – transfer equivalent for GEO 103	3
HIS 122 – transfer equivalent for HIST 112	3
Elective – must be from ECO, HIS, PLS, or GEO	3
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ADDITIONAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATES DEGREE	17 hours
BIOL 102 – transfers to RU as an elective credit for BIOL 1 COR	4
HLT or PED – transfers to RU as an elective credit for HLTH or ESHE	2
ITE 115 – transfers to RU as an elective credit for ITEC 100	3
MUS 121 – transfers to RU as an elective credit for MUSC 121	3
SOC 200 – transfers to RU as an elective for SOCY 110	3
EDU 100 – does <i>NOT</i> transfer to RU; will satisfy the 50 clock-hour requirement	1
SDV 100 – transfers to RU as an elective for UNIV 1 ELE	1
Number of hours required for A.S., Social Sciences degree	60
Total number of hours from A.S. degree that can be applied to RU degree program	47
Additional hours needed for RU degree program (beyond A.S. degree)	15

Radford University Academic Requirements

The following courses are required for completion of degree requirements for the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies with licensure in Elementary Education, preK – 6. These courses must be completed through Radford University and will be offered at the Roanoke Higher Education Center (RHEC) or the VWCC campus.

Interdisciplinary Core	9 hours
EDSP 361 – Current Trends in Education of Exceptional Learners	3
ENGL 463 – Grammar and Language for Teachers	3
HUMD 300 – Human Growth and Development	3
Special Education Concentration	12 hours
EDSP 451 – Collaborative Skills for Professionals Serving Diverse Populations	3
EDSP 462 – Proactive Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3
EDSP 472 - Characteristics of Students with Disabilities Who Access the General Curriculum	3
EDSP Elective – To be determined by the School of Teacher Education and Leadership (STEL)	3
RU Professional Education Coursework	39 hours
<u>Pre-Professional Education Coursework:</u>	
EDEF 320 – Introduction to Professional Education	3
EDRD 314 – Reading I	3
EDUC 304 – Teaching Language Arts & Children’s Literature in the Elementary Classroom	3
EDUC 310 – Teaching Elementary Science	3
<u>Early Field Experience Coursework:</u>	
EDRD 414 – Reading II	3
EDUC 410 – Teaching and Learning Elementary Mathematics	3
EDUC 425 – Curriculum, Instruction, and Teaching: Social Studies	3
EDUC 430 – Field Applications of Professional Studies in the Elementary Classroom	6
<u>Student Teaching:</u>	
EDUC 450 – Student Teaching	12
Total Hours	60

SPECIAL NOTES: Specific BS degree requirements are included in the program and are not met through separate/specific requirements. The Associate of Science Degree at Virginia Western Community College requires STD 100 Orientation. This class will transfer to Radford University as an elective.

Total Semester Hours Required for the Program

122 Semester Hours

NOTE: Students who complete the A.S. in Social Science (Education) at Virginia Western Community College and requirements needed for the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (with licensure in Elementary Education) will complete a total of 139 semester hours of credit.

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

For Radford University

For Virginia Western Community College

Date

Date

Stephanie W. Kyle
Robert H. Soule

April 1, 2016
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