



Education Programs Overview

[Transfer Programs](#)

Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education

Designed for students preparing to complete a bachelor's degree and teacher certification in early childhood and/or special education at a four-year college or university. Please refer to the catalog for curriculum requirements.

Elementary Education/Elementary Special Education

Designed for students preparing to complete a bachelor's degree and teacher certification in elementary and/or special education at a four-year college or university. Please refer to the catalog for curriculum requirements.

English

Designed for students preparing to complete a bachelor's degree and teacher certification in English at a four-year college or university. Please refer to the catalog for curriculum requirements.

Mathematics

Designed for students preparing to complete a bachelor's degree and teacher certification in mathematics at a four-year college or university. Please refer to the catalog for curriculum requirements.

Spanish

Designed for students preparing to complete a bachelor's degree and teacher certification in Spanish at a four-year college or university. Please refer to the catalog for curriculum requirements.

Career Program

[Early Childhood Development](#)

FCC's Early Childhood program prepares students to teach and care for children from infancy to 12 years of age in nursery schools, child care centers, before and after school and home-based childcare centers

Teacher Certification if you have a Bachelor's Degree

- [Click here](#) for comprehensive information about teaching certification programs for career changers. This is a wonderful, all-in-one resource that you should visit first.
- Visit the [Maryland State Department of Education \(MSDE\)](#) website to learn about certification requirements. In particular, read the information about the areas of teacher certification that are available (i.e. Elementary, Secondary English, Art, etc.).
- Once you have determined what area of teacher certification you would like to pursue, consider which route to certification you would like to take.
- One option is to pursue a post-baccalaureate program at a 4-year college or university in the state. Explore the list of approved teacher education programs compiled by the Maryland State Department of Education to get started.
- Another option is to follow the transcript analysis procedures laid out by MSDE. Essentially, the transcript analysis process requires you to submit transcripts of all your college coursework. MSDE will then evaluate the transcripts and send you a list of requirements to meet. Note that you will need to successfully complete the Basic Skills Testing requirement (see below) before your transcripts can be evaluated. It is important to read the evaluation information from MSDE very carefully as you plan how to meet the listed requirements.

FCC offers many classes that can help you meet MSDE coursework requirements. We offer a range of math, English, science, history, and many other content area courses. A few of the education-specific courses that might apply, depending on your certification area, are:

- * ED 100 – Child Development & Behavior (child development)
- * ED 202 – Educational Psychology (human learning)
- * ED 203 – Foundations of Special Education (inclusion of special needs populations)
- * ED/PS 208 - Human Growth and Development (child or adolescent development)
- * ED 214 – Processes and Acquisition of Reading (processes and acquisition of reading skills)
- * PS 204 – Psychology of Adolescence (adolescent development)

* While you are considering your options, here are some suggestions:

- Consider enrolling in ED 102, Schools and Society, here at FCC. This course will allow you to explore teaching as a career, observe in K-12 settings, create a portfolio, and do a teaching demonstration. ED 102 provides a great opportunity to determine if teaching is indeed the right career field for you!
- PRAXIS I is frequently the test of choice for those pursuing teacher certification. For more information about PRAXIS I, including how to prepare, register, and take the test, visit the [ETS website](#).

Other Teaching Areas

Secondary Education

Students can begin preparation for a range of secondary teaching careers. Before transferring, future secondary teachers are advised to take ED 102 (Schools and Society), achieve a minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA and have acceptable scores on one of the following state-approved standardized tests: SAT, ACT, GRE or PRAXIS I: Pre-Professional Skills Test. Course requirements vary widely by transfer school and teaching area. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Education Department at their transfer institution as early as possible in order to plan their coursework at FCC.