

**Appendix B: Curriculum Plan for Undergraduate Articulation Agreement**  
**Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College**  
**Early Childhood Associate**  
**and**  
**Western Carolina University**  
**Bachelor of Science in Birth-Kindergarten**

This articulation agreement between AB Technical Community College and Western Carolina University allows graduates of the Early Childhood Associates program at AB Technical Community College to transfer credit towards the Bachelor of Science in Birth-Kindergarten program, Professional Education Concentration at Western Carolina University. Upon transfer to Western Carolina University, students from AB Technical Community College must comply with all applicable Academic Regulations as listed in *The Record*, The WCU Undergraduate Catalog.

**Partner Institutions and Contact Information**

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**Notes:**

1. Students who complete the Associate of Arts degree, or the Associate of Science degree will have their Liberal Studies requirements at Western Carolina University waived.
2. If the above statement does not apply and 15.1 or more semester hours are transferred into WCU the first semester, the First Year Seminar is not required at WCU.
3. If Liberal Studies requirements are not waived at WCU then students must take a course that has been approved as an Upper Level Perspectives course (300-400) in one of the Perspectives categories.

**Liberal Studies/General Education Requirements:**

WCU Requirement	Partner Institution Equivalent
Liberal Studies Waived	Associates of Arts Degree or the Associate of Science Degree

WCU Requirement	A-B Tech Equivalent
1 <sup>st</sup> year Seminar (see note #2 above)	Waived
C1 Writing (ENGL 101), 3CR	ENG 111
C1 Writing (ENGL 202), 3 CR	ENG 112 or ENG 114 *Not part of AAS degree, but will need
C2 Mathematics (MATH 101), 3CR	MAT 143
C3 Oral Communications, 3CR	COM 120, COM 110, or COM 231 *Not part of AAS degree, but will need
C4 Wellness, 3CR	HEA 110 or PED 110 Not part of AAS degree, but will need

C5 Physical and Biological Sciences, 3CR	(The Liberal Studies science requirement can be satisfied with any 100-200 science from AST, BIOL, CHEM, ENVH, GEOL, NRM or PHYS (with the exception of BIOL 132 and CHEM 241).
P1 Social Sciences (PSY 150), 3CR	PSY 150
A second P1 course is required which may be any approved course except PSY.	100-200 levels equivalents may be found at this link:
P3 History	<a href="http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/direct_equiv_f_or_NCCC.pdf">http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/direct_equiv_f_or_NCCC.pdf</a>
P4 Humanities	
P5 Fine and Performing Arts	
P6 World Cultures	
Upper Level Perspective An upper level perspective course must be taken at WCU unless liberal studies is waived. Any perspective category may be used.	WCU 300-400 level courses may be found at this link. <a href="http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/direct_equiv_f_or_NCCC.pdf">http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/direct_equiv_f_or_NCCC.pdf</a> Example: If you take a history at the 300 or 400 level it counts for your P3 history as well as your ULP.

Major BK Requirements, Professional Education Concentration (courses)

WCU Requirement	Partner Institution Equivalent
BK 250 Introduction to Birth-Kindergarten (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 260 Foundations of Child Study (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 315 Literacy (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 361 Environments for Young Children (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 363 or PSY 320 Child Development (3 hrs.)	EDU 144 & 145
BK 462 Parent-Child Interactions (3hrs.)	EDU 146
BK 470 Early Childhood Curriculum (3 hrs.)	EDU 151 or EDU 251
BKSE 345 Adaptations and Modifications of Young Children with Special Needs (3 hrs.)	NA
SPED 240 Intro. to Special Needs (3 hrs.)	EDU 221
BKSE 415 Assessment and Intervention of Social-Emotional Skills (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 312 Kindergarten Curriculum (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 316 Mathematics and Science (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 473 Early Childhood Assessment and Responsive Curriculum (3 hrs.)	NA
BKSE 313 Assessment of Young Children with Special Needs (3 hrs.)	NA
SPED 339 Designing Classrooms as a Responsive Curriculum (3 hrs.)	NA
BKSE 412 Interagency Planning (3 hrs.)	NA

BKSE 427 Teaching Reading to Individuals with Mild and Moderate Disabilities (3 hrs.)	NA
BK 482 Internship I (6 hrs.)	NA
BK 483 Internship II (10 hrs.)	NA
BK 496 Seminar (2 hrs.)	NA

Other requirements needed to complete the degree program.

EDU 131, 3 hrs.; EDU 271, 3 hrs.; EDU 154, 3 hrs.; EDU 280, 3 hrs. EDU 248, 3 hrs. EDU 234, 3hrs.
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## II. Course Summary by Institution


Courses to be taken at WCU:	Courses to be taken at A-B Tech
<p><b>Major Requirements:</b>            BK 250- Intro. to BK            BK 260 - Foundations of Child Study            BK 315 - Literacy            BK 361- Environments for Young Children            BK 414 – Agency/Child Care Management            BKSE 314 – Observational Assessment and Screening of Young Children (3)            BKSE 345 – Adaptations and Modifications            BKSE 411 – Collaborative Planning            BKSE 415- Intervention and Assessment of Social Emotional Competencies            BKSE 457 Action Research I            BK 458 Action Research II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students entering the BK Program at WCU will finish their degree according to the number of courses that they take each semester. BK 457, BK 458 are capstone courses and are taken at the end of a student’s course work.</li> </ul> <p>1 Upper Level Perspective Course (300-400 level outside of the major)</p>	<p><b>AAS Degree Requirements:</b>  <b>Early Childhood Major:</b>            EDU 131 – Child Family &amp; Community            EDU 151 – Creative Activities            EDU 271 – Educational Technology            EDU 154 – Social/Emotional Behavior Development            EDU 280 – Language and Literacy Experiences            EDU 248 – Developmental Delays            EDU 234 – Infants, Toddlers &amp; Twos            EDU 221 – Children with Exceptionalities            EDU 251 – Exploration Activities            EDU 146 Child Guidance            EDU 144 – Child Development I            EDU 145 – Child Development II</p> <p><b>General Education:</b>            ENG 111 – Writing and Inquiry            MAT 143 – Quantitative Literacy            PSY 150 – General Psychology            Humanities Elective (see Part I notes for P4 &amp; P5)</p> <p><b>Courses beyond A.A.S. Degree:</b>            C3 Oral Communications (see Part I above)            P1 Social Sciences            P3 History            P4 Humanities or P5 Fine and Performing Arts            P6 World Cultures</p>

**Articulation Agreement between Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) and Western Carolina University (WCU) for transfer of credit from the A.A.S. Professional Education Associate degree at A-B Tech into the Bachelors of Science in Birth-Kindergarten, Professional Education Concentration degree at WCU.**


- A. A-B Tech students will be admitted as candidates for the articulation program in Birth-Kindergarten at WCU upon the completion of the A.A.S. Professional Education Associate at A-B Tech.
- B. To graduate from WCU with the Bachelor of Science degree in Birth-Kindergarten all students must complete the degree requirements per academic regulations listed in *The Record*, the WCU Undergraduate Catalog.
- C. Students wishing to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Birth-Kindergarten must meet all residency requirements for graduation from WCU, which includes completion of the last 25% of course work to be taken at WCU.
- D. This agreement will run continually without need for renewal. Updates to the agreement will be initiated and processed every two years. The update process will be completed as follows: copies of this agreement will be distributed to deans and department heads by February 1 of each update year. Updates or "no change" approvals to this agreement should be returned by March 15. If curriculum changes are identified by either institution during the review process, parties from both institutions will review and approve the proposed changes and make necessary updates to the course equivalency outline.
- E. Either party upon written notice can terminate this agreement. If the agreement is terminated, A-B Tech students who have matriculated at WCU can continue until completion of the baccalaureate degree if they are continuously enrolled at WCU. Also, students who are enrolled at A-B Tech students at the time may continue under the terms of the agreement as long as they are continuously enrolled. If the student ceases enrollment for two regular academic semesters, he/she must re-enroll under the most recently adopted agreement.


**Western Carolina University**

**Asheville-Buncombe Technical  
Community College**

  
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Provost                                      Date

  
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