

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

SECTION I: PURPOSE

George Mason University (George Mason) will offer admission to Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) students in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. **The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and communicate a clear pathway for admission to BRCC students who intend to graduate with the BRCC Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Early Childhood Development and transfer directly to the George Mason Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) degree in Inclusive Early Childhood Education.** Only BRCC students who meet the terms of this Agreement will be guaranteed admission. Students who present strong academic records but do not meet the terms of this Agreement may apply for regular transfer admission.

SECTION II: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

George Mason accepts applications for the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must:

- Apply by March 1 for fall admission. Fall applicants must graduate in May. Summer graduates are ineligible for fall admission.
- Apply by October 1 for spring admission. Spring applicants must graduate in December.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 upon application to George Mason and graduation from BRCC.
- Complete ENG 111, ENG 112, and MTH 154 with grades of C or better before applying to George Mason.
- Complete a minimum of 45 college-level credits toward the AAS Early Childhood degree at BRCC. If students have coursework at other institutions, a minimum 2.5 GPA on all prior college coursework is required for admission.
- Provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final BRCC transcript reflecting the AAS Early Childhood Development degree conferral date.

SECTION III: GEORGE MASON VIRGINIA PROMISE GRANT

BRCC students admitted under this Agreement are eligible for the George Mason Virginia Promise Grant. The grant, combined with other sources of gift aid, will meet the cost of standard tuition and fees at George Mason University. Eligible students must:

- Be a Virginia resident with full-time enrollment

- File a FAFSA or VASA by the priority deadline
- Be eligible for Virginia state grants and/or federal aid
- Have a family income of \$75,000 or less, or be eligible for a Pell Grant and an EFC less than \$25,000

SECTION IV: EXCLUSIONS TO THE ADMISSION AGREEMENT

The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this Agreement to students suspended, dismissed, or expelled from any college or university for academic or non-academic reasons. BRCC graduates must transfer directly to George Mason. Students who attend other institutions after BRCC must apply for regular transfer admission. High school students who have earned an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for admission under the terms of this Agreement. Such students will be considered freshman applicants with transfer credit.

SECTION V: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, entered into on **May 11, 2026**, goes into effect for those BRCC students entering George Mason for the **fall 2026 semester**. The Agreement's initial term shall be for three academic (3) years, commencing for those BRCC students entering George Mason for the **fall 2026 semester** and ending with the conclusion of the spring 2029 semester. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated by either party as set forth below.

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such a notice will be adequate only if given 120 days before the intended termination date. Upon termination, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for a maximum of 2 years.

This Agreement constitutes the Parties' entire understanding of the subject matter herein. This Agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific course articulation without affecting the currency of the primary Agreement.

All transfer students are subject to the enrollment and academic policies outlined in the George Mason University Catalog.

George Mason and BRCC agree to review this Agreement every three years. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as the liaison to monitor this Agreement.

APPROVED May 2026 by:

Dr. Urso, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Blue Ridge Community College

Dr. Janette K. Muir, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, George Mason University

Transfer Equivalency Table: Blue Ridge Community College Early Childhood Development AAS to George Mason University Inclusive Early Childhood Education BSEd

The following table outlines course equivalencies between Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) and George Mason University (GMU).

BRCC Course Number	BRCC Credits	GMU Subject	GMU Equivalent	GMU Credits
120	3	ECED	Elective	3
145	3	ECED	Elective	3
205	3	ECED	Elective	3
111	3	ENGH	Elective	3
235	3	ECED	Elective	3
100	1	UNIV	100	1
118	3	ECED	Elective	3
146	3	ECED	Elective	3
216	3	ECED	Elective	3
165	3	ECED	Elective	3
230	3	PSYC	211	3
166	3	ECED	Elective	3
210	3	ECED	Elective	3
200	3	EDUC	200	3
112	3	ENGH	101	3
154	3	MATH	106	3
101	4	BIOL	103/105	4
265	3	HDFS	L498	3
270	3	ECED	Elective	3
250	3	ELED	258	3
121 or 122	3	HIST	121 or 122	3

Total BRCC Credits: 62

Total GMU Credits: 62