

**Articulation Agreement
Leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in
Elementary Education Pre-K-Grade 4
With Special Education Pre-K-Grade 12
AA to BA**

**Seton Hill University
And
Westmoreland County Community College**

June, 2021

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Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education Pre-K-4, AA Degree

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BENEFITS TO STUDENTS:

1. Students will complete 62 transferable credits of coursework at Westmoreland County Community College at Westmoreland County Community College's tuition rates.
2. Students will then be able to transfer 62 credits into Seton Hill University and complete 56-59 credits of coursework plus 14 credits in a student teaching semester to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education: Pre-K-Grade 4 with Special Education Pre-K-Grade 12 and two Pennsylvania Teacher Certifications: Pre-K-Grade 4 and Special Education Pre-K-Grade 12 seamlessly if the following requirements are met:
 - Maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 when transferring to Seton Hill University from Westmoreland County Community College
 - Passed the Basic Skills Tests in Mathematics, Reading and Writing
 - Earned at least a B in an instructional strategies course (ECE 255)
 - Completed three credits of college-level composition
 - Completed three credits of college-level literature
 - Completed six credits of college-level mathematics

If students transferring from Westmoreland County Community College to Seton Hill University do not have the above requirements, students are permitted to enter into the Educational Studies program at Seton Hill University. The Educational Studies major provides professional knowledge, skills, and experience needed to become highly effective educators in a variety of settings, in and outside of the transitional classroom. Educational Studies provides the foundation of classroom teaching which then extends to a variety of areas of expertise through a given track. Students may select from one of the following specialization tracks: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math); Communication and Culture; or Business and Social Science. Once the student has provided evidence of successfully passing all the above requirements for admittance into the Education Program at Seton Hill University, the student will be changed from

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Educational Studies to Elementary Education Pre-K- Grade 4/Special Education Pre-K-Grade 12.

All students transferring from Westmoreland County Community College with the Early Childhood Education Pre-K-4, AA degree to Seton Hill University for the Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education (Pre-K-Grade 4) with special education (Pre-K – Grade 12) must complete the Liberal Arts curriculum requirements, the capstone assessment requirement, and the required courses for the major including a writing intensive course. In addition, all students transferring to Seton Hill University must obtain the following clearances beginning in their first semester at Seton Hill University:

- Reporting Arrest and Convictions (Act 24) - yearly
 - PA State Police Criminal History Record (Act 34) - yearly
 - PA Dept. of Public Welfare Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 151) - yearly
 - Federal Criminal History Background Check (FBI/fingerprint check) (Act 114) – 4 years
 - P.P.D (TB) Test (School Health regulations, 28 PA Code, Section 23.44) – 2 years
 - Mandated Reporter Training (Act 126) – 5 years
3. The following Westmoreland County Community College courses are approved and listed in the Westmoreland County Community College—Seton Hill University Transfer Guide as equivalent to Seton Hill University Liberal Arts Courses:
- ART 162 Artistic Expression
 - ART 165 Artistic Expression
 - ENG 161 Composition and Culture Part A – 3 credits
 - FRN 156 Language
 - HIS 155 Western Culture I – 3 credits
 - HIS 156 Western Culture II – 3 credits
 - MTH 185 Mathematics
 - MUS 155 Artistic Expression
 - PHL 160 Philosophy
 - PHL 161 Philosophy
 - SOC 255 Global Perspective
 - SPA 156 Language
4. The following Westmoreland County Community College courses from the Early Childhood Education Pre-K-4, AA degree are approved and listed in the Westmoreland County Community College–Seton Hill University Transfer Guide as equivalent to Seton Hill University major courses:
- ECE 155 Introduction to Early Childhood Education for SED 110
 - ECE 157 Child Growth and Development and ECE 256 Assessment and Observation of Young Children for SED 206
 - ECE 165 Family and Society for SED 240
 - ECE 166 Early Childhood Language and Literacy for SED 312**
 - ECE167 Creative Experiences for SED 235

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- ECE 255 Early Childhood Education Curriculum for SED 202*
- ECE 257 Introduction to Exceptional Development for SED 208
- ECE 265 Education of Young Children with Special Needs for SED 205
- ECE 284 Early Childhood Education Practicum for SED 300**
- EDU 200 Introduction to Educational Technology for SED 118
- ENG 250 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages for SED 227
- MTH 180 Elements of Math I for SMA 100
- MTH 185 Elements of Math II for SMA 102
- ENG 255 Introduction to Literature for literature requirement

*Students must pass with a B or above to have this course approved and transferred to Seton Hill University.

**Transfer credit awarded only after formal admission to the Seton Hill University Elementary Education program.

5. It is understood that the following will be taken as Westmoreland County Community College Electives:
 - ART 162, ART 165, FRN 156, MUS 155, PHL 160, PHL 161, or SPA 156 as *Fine Art Elective*
 - ECE 265 Education of Young Children with Special Needs as *Restrictive Elective*
 - EDU 200 Introduction to Educational Technology as *Restricted Elective*
 - HIS 155 Early Western Civilization or HIS 156 Modern Western Civilization as *History Elective*
 - SOC 255 Cultural anthropology as *Social Science Elective*
6. The Seton Hill University transcript for the baccalaureate degree will reflect letter grades for all courses completed at Westmoreland County Community College.
7. Upon successfully completing the program, students will obtain Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education: Pre-K-Grade 4 with Special Education Pre-K-Grade 12 from Seton Hill University.
8. Upon successfully completing the program, students will be eligible to take two Pennsylvania Teacher Certification exams: Pre-K-Grade 4 and Special Education Pre-K-Grade 12 through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
9. Students will benefit from a program designed to build on the strengths of both institutions offerings and students will be able to complete an undergraduate degree in a seamless process.

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION:

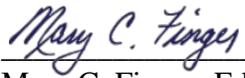
1. Seton Hill University requests that Westmoreland County Community College include a statement describing the Articulation Agreement in the Westmoreland County Community College catalog.
2. Seton Hill University will track and report data to Westmoreland County Community College about students who complete the baccalaureate program in education.
3. Seton Hill University will review incoming student advising needs to assure full support for retention and success.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Individual course grades from Westmoreland County Community College must be C- or better in order for those courses to be imported to Seton Hill University except for ECE 255, Early Childhood Curriculum, for SED 202. ECE 255 must be a B or higher to be imported to Seton Hill University. Credits and grades will transfer. Grades imported to Seton Hill University will be computed in the Seton Hill University cumulative grade point average.
2. Westmoreland County Community College students complete the application through the Office Admissions Office at Seton Hill University and an updated official transcript from Westmoreland County Community College is required for transfer credit review.
3. Both institutions will be responsible for notifying the other party in writing of changes in curriculum, academic standards, and other changes that may affect this agreement.
4. The provisions of this articulation agreement do not imply that students who do not sign a letter of intent at matriculation to Westmoreland County Community College in the recognized transfer programs are precluded from applying to Seton Hill University as a transfer student.
5. This agreement, once signed, shall automatically be renewed from year to year with such changes, if any, as are mutually agreed upon in writing by Seton Hill University and Westmoreland County Community College. Either party upon one calendar year's notice may terminate the agreement. A request for termination must be made in writing.

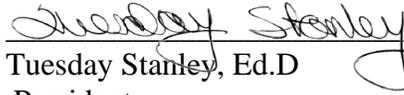
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PROGRAM OF STUDY ATTACHED



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President
Seton Hill University

Date: 04/05/2022



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President
Westmoreland County Community College

Date: 2/24/2022