

Cedar Crest College’s Four-Year Graduation (4YG) Guarantee is open to all academically qualified candidates enrolled full-time in a 4-year bachelor’s degree program, with the exception of Nuclear Medicine Technology. It does not apply to dual degree, fifth-year, or graduate programs. Provided students comply with all of the conditions of the program, Cedar Crest College will guarantee graduation within four years. The guarantee extends to one major only. While many students add additional majors and minors and finish within four years, Cedar Crest will not be able to provide four year guarantee in those cases.

Conditions

By signing below, I, \_\_\_\_\_ am enrolling in the 4YG program for the Early Childhood Education major under the 2022-2023 catalog requirements and I agree to:

- assume ultimate responsibility for monitoring my academic progress and the completion of all academic requirements;
- enroll at Cedar Crest for four continuous academic years;
- remain in good academic standing;
- complete an average of 30 new credits in each academic year. *Note: Courses must be selected in consultation with your academic advisor and 4YG coordinator and must apply to the recommended course sequence on page 2;*
- maintain the GPA requirements of the Early Childhood Education major and Liberal Arts Curriculum;
- meet regularly with her assigned academic advisor and 4YG coordinator following the schedule outlined below;
- resolve all outstanding holds that would prevent registration prior to the start of registration for each semester;
- register for classes each semester on the date appropriate for class standing as set forth by the Registrar;
- be responsive to communication from Cedar Crest College, including advisors and the 4YG coordinator;
- officially declare an Early Childhood Education major by the completion of 48 credits. *Note: If a change of major is requested after 30 credits, the ability to sign a new 4YG contract is not guaranteed.*
- complete the following and all other Early Childhood Education major requirements:
  - Earn acceptance into the Early Childhood Education major, which includes earning a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and successfully meeting the PDE basic skills testing requirement: Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) tests in Reading, Writing, and Math, or ETS CORE assessments in reading, Writing, and Math, or equivalent.
  - Meet all Pennsylvania Department of Education Chapter 354 Requirements.
  - Take six credits of college course work in mathematics; three credits in English composition; and three credits in American or British literature and earn a grade of C or higher in these courses.
  - Earn a grade of C- or higher in all education courses.
  - Abide by all other Education department policies and successfully meet all other graduation requirements.

The 4YG does not guarantee that courses will be offered at a particular time or on particular days, nor can it assure graduation in four years if accreditation agencies require immediate curricular changes. This agreement pertains only to the catalog specified; if major requirements change and the student elects to follow the newer requirements, this contract is void.

If a student meets all of the degree/program requirements but cannot graduate in four years because a course or courses are not available, the student will meet with their advisor as soon as the problem is discovered to discuss options for completion. These options could include a course substitution, an independent study, or permission to enroll in the course in a subsequent semester at no tuition cost to the student.

Required Meeting Schedule:

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Beginning of Semester	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator
Prior to registration	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator
	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
Beginning of Semester	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator
Prior to registration	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator

I agree to the stipulations set forth in this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Entry Term

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
4YG Coordinator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FALL 2022 – 15.5 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
EDU 100	3	Foundations of American Education	
EDU 102	3	Educational Psychology	
MAT 110	3	Probability and Statistics	
DNC 209	3	Creative Movement: Theory, Practice (switched with HIS 121 – only offered Fall Even Years)	
FYS _____	3	First Year Seminar	
CCC 101	.5	College Life	

**SPRING 2023 – 13.5 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
EDU 151	1	Field Experience	
ART 110	3	Principles of Visual Organization	
SOC 100	3	Introduction to Culture and Society	
PSY 100	3	General Psychology	
WRI 100	3	College Writing	
CCC 102	.5	Exploring Your Future	

**FALL 2023 – 16 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
ECE 207	3	Emergent Literacy (Pre-K-Grade 1)	
PSY 210	3	Lifespan Development	
MAT 202	3	Mathematics for the ECE	
SPE 241	3	The Exceptional Child (WR1)	
SPE 245	1	Field Experience II	
HIS 121	3	Survey of US History I**	

**SPRING 2024 – 16 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
EDU 240	3	Nutrition, Health, and Safety	
EDU 211	3	Literacy I-Grades 2-4	
EDU 213	1	Field Experience III	
SPE 220	3	Evidence-Based Approaches	
CCC 20X	3	Sophomore Expedition	
	3	Elective***	

**FALL 2024 – 16 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 111	4	Concepts in Ecology and Environmental Issues (with lab)	
	3	Elective***	
SPE 344	3	Adaptations and Accommodations for the Exceptional Child	
EDU 308	3	Integrating the Arts Across the Curriculum	
ENG 101/2 or 120	3	British or American Literature	

**SPRING 2025 – 15 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
EDU 317	3	Curriculum, Assessment, & Learning Experiences for Science for Early Childhood Educators	
ECE 305	3	Issues and Advocacy in ECE	
EDU 340	3	Differentiated Reading Instruction for the Primary Grades	
BIO 112	3	Concepts in Human Biology or Physical science deemed acceptable by the Education Department)	
ETL 235	3	Ethical Life	

**FALL 2025 – 16 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
EDU 319	3	Curriculum, Assessment, & Learning Experiences for Social Studies for ECE	
EDU 332	3	Curriculum, Assessment, & Learning Experiences for Mathematics for ECE	
EDU 321	1	Field Experience IV	
EDU 359	3	Teaching the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Student	
	3	Elective***	
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**SPRING 2026 – 12 Credits**

Course	Cr	Title	✓
EDU 372	9	Student Teaching	
EDU 374	3	Professional Seminar	

\*\*Students may take HIS 122 instead of HIS 121

\*\*\*Electives must be included to ensure that the overall total number of credits reaches the 120 credits needed to complete a degree.

## Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC) and College-Wide Requirements

<b>Natural Science (SCI):</b> 7 cr. total, one must be a lab-based course
1. BIO 111 (4 cr. lab-based course)
2. BIO 112 or Physical Science
<b>Arts (ART):</b> 6 cr. total, one must be a 3 cr. course
1. ART 110
2. DNC 209
<b>Mathematics &amp; Logic (ML):</b> 6 cr. total, one must be a MAT course
1. MAT 110
2. MAT 202
<b>Ethics (ETH):</b> 1 course, 3 cr.
1. ETL 235
<b>Technology</b>
1. Fulfilled through completion of the major
<b>Oral Presentation</b>
1. Fulfilled through completion of the major

<b>Writing (WRI1, WRI2):</b> 2 courses, 6 cr. total
1. WRI 100
2. SPE 241
<b>Humanities (HUM):</b> 2 courses, 6 cr. total
1. ENG 120 or 101/2
2. HIS 121
<b>Social Science (SS):</b> 2 courses, 6 cr. total
1. PSY 100
2. SOC 100
<b>Global Studies (GS):</b> 1 course, 3 cr.
1. CCC 206
<b>Information Literacy</b>
1. Fulfilled through completion of the major