



GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

Undergraduate Teacher Certification-Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Teacher Certification

(Offered by Georgian Court University at Lincroft) revised Oct 15, 2024
**Psychology/Elementary (K-6) Education with Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Endorsement. This is a psychology and inclusive elementary education program for
students ready to take their first GCU course fall 2025 and later.**
**2+3 traditional transfer (2 years BCC, 3 years GCU [3rd GCU year needed for education
program])**

Education Admission Requirements*:

- Completion of an AA or at least 60 transferable credits
- 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA from all previous colleges attended (Students with CGPAs between 2.75 and 2.99 may apply and will be considered)
- Completion of PSYC206 Human Growth and Development I (3 credits)
- Completion of all three of the following courses prior to applying to the program:
 - Introduction to Education (EDUC 105)
 - Education Field Experience (EDUC 199)
 - Introduction to the Exceptional Child (EDUC 217)
- Passing performance on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests: Reading, Writing, and Math. You are exempt from the Praxis Core if your scores on the SAT, ACT, or GRE meet the cut score criteria for the year in which you took the exam.
- Proof of Praxis II Registration for the specific Praxis test for licensure area
<https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/requirements>
- Note: PSYC206 has PSYC105 or 106 as a prerequisite.

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 15 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION INTO
THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

***Important Notes:**

**Students who do not meet all of the above requirements may not be admitted as an
"Education" student.**

Other: A NJ Substitute License is highly recommended. A federal fingerprint check is highly recommended. Students who have already completed an AA, or have credits from other colleges may also be considered.

Additional Requirements for Psychology Admission:

- Completion of:
 - Introduction to Psychology I or II (PSYC105 or 106)
 - Quantitative Methods in Psychology (PSYC247)
 - The following course must eventually be completed and if it has not been completed by the time of admissions, student may not be able to graduate on schedule: Social Psychology (PSYC217) and an additional psychology course selected from among: Educational Psychology (PSYC218; recommended), Industrial/Organizational Psychology

(PSYC205), Human Growth and Development II (PSYC207), Lifespan Development (PSYC208), Theories of Personality (PSYC209), Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 216), Positive Psychology (PSYC219), Human Sexuality (PSYC225), or Cross-cultural Psychology (PSYC228).

-Note: Issues in Women's Studies (HUMN129) and Introduction to Ethics (PHIL227) must eventually be taken, unless students plan to take the GCU equivalents through GCU Lakewood (face-to-face, or online if offered)

Students enrolled as GCU students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses unless students take the courses through the GCU@ Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement. Financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only unless students take Brookdale courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement.

Dual Admission

Brookdale Community College and Georgian Court University have partnered together to offer Dual Admissions for BCC students. Dual Admissions allows a BCC student to apply and be admitted to GCU as early as their first semester at BCC. You must apply prior to your last semester at Brookdale. For a full description, please reference the Dual Admissions brochure located at <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/transfer-resources/info-georgian-court/>. Apply for BCC-GCU dual admission online (<https://www.brookdalecc.edu/transfer-resources/dual-admissions-programs/>).

Highlights of this agreement include:

1. Application fee to GCU is waived
2. Guaranteed admission to GCU provided you meet all entrance requirements
3. Your classes at Brookdale will satisfy GCU general education and other bachelor's degree course requirements as outlined in the Dual Admissions Agreement
4. Meetings with Georgian Court University faculty and advisors early and often to ensure a seamless transition and transfer of credits
5. Graduation requirements will not change based on the academic year you are accepted for dual admissions (certain restrictions apply)
6. Your BCC transcripts are automatically sent to GCU from Brookdale, at no charge

How do I learn more?

Please call GCU Admissions at 732-987-2700 for more information. Information Sessions about the Georgian Court Lincroft Program will be offered periodically by a Georgian Court Admission Counselor. During the Information Sessions, students will have the opportunity to learn about admission requirements, program overview, benefits of Dual-Admission, and smooth transfer.

Next Steps to Apply to this GCU Lincroft Bachelor's Degree Program (all students, including dual admission students, should follow these steps):

1. Apply to GCU online (www.georgian.edu/brookdale) or by submitting a paper application available at the Lincroft Campus
2. Submit your official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (note: for dual admit students, Brookdale transcripts are sent automatically to GCU by Brookdale). If you plan to be an Education Major at GCU, you must also submit Praxis Core, SAT, ACT, or GRE scores, and Praxis II Multiple Subjects Exam for Elementary Educators scores to GCU. See top of first page for details.
3. Accepted students will receive notification within 72 hours of receiving the application and all supplemental documents. A Preliminary Transfer Credit Evaluation will be completed by GCU and sent to you.
4. Confirm your enrollment by submitting your enrollment deposit of \$250 during your last semester at BCC.
5. Submit your FAFSA. The GCU School Code is 002608.
6. Attend a Registration Night during your last semester at BCC to meet with a Faculty Academic Advisor to review your Progress Chart and discuss course selection. You will sign up for GCU classes at this event.

Structure of GCU Education and Psychology Part of Program:

EDUCATION: The Georgian Court elementary inclusive teacher education program prepares candidates to instruct students in grades kindergarten through six. Candidates gain the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to apply content knowledge, create effective learning environments, plan instruction, and assess student learning. The program includes clinical experience in special education and two consecutive semesters of clinical practice (first semester includes 175 hours and second semester of clinical practice is full-time. This second semester includes an evening seminar course that meets only on the Lakewood campus).

PSYCHOLOGY: At Lincroft, Georgian Court offers a generalist B.A. in Psychology. This degree prepares students for employment in an entry-level mental health or human services setting, as well as for a variety of other occupations, including teaching, business and human services. It is also recommended for students interested in pursuing graduate study in fields such as counseling or in applied areas (e.g. clinical, school, and/or counseling psychology).

Ten courses from required areas comprise 30 of the 36 credits needed for the psychology major. The other six credits are electives. Two courses form the foundation for the major: Introductory Psychology (=Brookdale's PSYC105 or 106) and Intermediate Issues in Psychology.

Students take 21 of the 36 psychology credits as GCU Psychology courses at Lincroft: Intermediate Issues in Psychology, Biological Psychology, Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis, Psychology of Learning, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, Cognitive Psychology, and Senior Seminar. The remaining 15 credits needed for the psychology major are these Brookdale courses or their equivalent: PSYC105 or 106, 206, 217, 218 (recommended, but other options are 205, 207, 208, 209, 216, 219, 225, or 228), and 247. In addition, it is recommended that students take other GCU elective courses in Psychology or other fields.

Structure of Rest of the GCU Part of the Program:

Graduates of an accredited New Jersey community college who have earned an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and have completed the general education requirements established in the statewide agreement will transfer those general education credits in full to satisfy a minimum of 33 (A.A.), 30 (A.S.), or 20 (other associate degree) credits of the Georgian Court General Education Requirements. Only courses in which a grade of "C" or higher has been achieved are eligible for transfer. Courses transferred as part of the community college's general education program that have Georgian Court University general education equivalents will be transferred as those equivalent courses. Other general education courses required by the community college will be transferred as general education electives. If an equivalency is not transferred, all four of the following general education requirements must be fulfilled: a designated Religious Studies course, a designated Women and Gender Studies course (BCC's HUMN129 fulfills the requirement), a designated Ethics course (BCC's PHIL227 fulfills the requirement), and the Capstone course (GEN400). The GCU Experiential Learning requirement may be fulfilled as follows: 1) GEN400, which includes a service learning project completed, and 2) a clinical practice experience (ED4214 or ED4304).

Tuition:

\$605/credit for 2024-2025. No general fees are charged.

Degree FAQ:

How many credits can I transfer to this program?

Georgian Court University will accept all Brookdale courses listed as requirements on the Lincroft Psychology/Elementary Education degree plan plus Brookdale requirements that are not part of the degree plan [e.g., Oral Communications course]. Remaining required course work must be completed through Georgian Court. Georgian Court will accept up to 75 credits from Brookdale or

other community colleges. Up to 15 additional credits will be accepted from 4-year institutions. At least 30 credits must be earned at Georgian Court, including at least 21 credits in the Psychology major. Please note that because all education programs include a liberal art/science major and an education major, additional Brookdale course work beyond the associate's degree is required.

How many credits are required?

Typically, students will earn a minimum of 120 credits to meet requirements for the BA in Psychology with Teacher Certification.

Can I attend courses at the Lakewood campus as well?

Yes, if the courses are approved by your advisor. Some restrictions apply. Please consult the policy entitled "Students taking courses at an enrollment location other than their own" in the GCU catalog at <http://georgian.edu/publications/>.

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GCU Education Faculty Academic Adviser: Dr. Nancy Sardone 732-987-2754 nsardone@georgian.edu

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**Georgian Court University and Brookdale Community College: Lincroft
B.A. Psych / EI Ed (subject to change)**

Course offerings for students enrolling at GCU's Lincroft program in fall 2025 (Table A)

3+2 (3 years BCC, 2 years GCU) students: Table A outlines years 3, 4 and 5 of the 3+2 sequence in Lincroft.

Traditional (2 years BCC, 3 years GCU) transfer students: The sequence in Table A is one possible way a 2+3 student could complete the program. Students may take some liberal arts major and Gen Ed courses out of sequence if prerequisites have been met (in other words, some courses shown for year 2 may be taken in year 1).

Table A. Possible 2+3 Program

	Fall 25	Spr 26	Sum 26	Fall 26	Spr 27	Sum 27	Fall 27	Spr 28
2+3	^PS214 ^PS360 or PS332 ^Religious Studies (Note that BCC's PSYC247 must be taken before taking PS430 in spring) Total: 9 cr #Enrolled as a GCU student	^PS430 ^PS341 Total: 6 cr #Enrolled as a GCU student		^PS elective ^PS elective ^ED3115 ^ED3205 ^ED3303* Total: 15 cr #Enrolled as a GCU student	^PS455 ^ED3206 ^ED3207 ^ED3302 Total: 12 cr #Enrolled as a GCU student		^GEN400 ^ED3208 ^ED3201* ^ED4214* Total: 12 cr #Enrolled as a GCU student	^ED4304* ^ED4305***** Total: 12 cr #Enrolled as a GCU student

^Required course.

*Includes Clinical Experience, Field Placement, or Clinical Practice. See last Table below for details.

In order to be a full-time student for financial aid purposes when enrolled as a GCU student in a GCU Lincroft program, undergraduate students will need to be enrolled in at least 12 GCU credits. Students who have completed appropriate course prerequisites may choose to take courses offered at Lincroft in a different GCU program. Otherwise, students may take GCU online or Lakewood courses at the Lincroft tuition rate. If enrolled as a GCU student, students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses unless students

take the courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement. If enrolled as a GCU student, financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only, unless students take Brookdale courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement. See separate Course Exchange Consortium Agreement documents for more information. Questions about financial aid should be referred to the GCU financial aid office (732.987.2258 – please identify yourself as a Lincroft student).

***Students who do not take BCC's PHIL227 may take a GCU Ethics course online to fulfill GCU's Ethics Requirement

****ED4305 Reflective Practice is offered in the evening and at the Lakewood campus only.

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated.

PS214: Intermediate Issues in Psychology	ED3115 Instr Dsgn & Techn Intgr Incl EIEd
PS332: Psychology of Learning	ED3205 Instr in ELA & Lit I in Incl & SpEd
PS341: Biological Psychology	ED3206 Instr Lit II & Soc St in Incl EI & SpEd
PS360: Cognitive Psychology	ED3207 Numeracy in Incl EI & SpEd
PS430: Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	ED3208 Sci & Tech in Incl EIEd & SpEd
PS455: Senior Seminar	ED3201 Educational Assess (incl 50 hr Clinical Exper)
ReligStudies: RS208 Discovering the Bible, RS213 Women & the Bible, RS220 Christian Trad., or RS260 Christianity in Dialogue	ED3302 Accom Mod & Asst Techn for SWD
Ethics: BU319 Bus& Prof Ethics, PL300 Phil Ethics, PL354 Bioethics, RS334 Theol Ethics, or RS336 Soc Just Ethics	ED3303 Evi-Based Prac for Inst Stdnts w/Autism (incl 50 hr Field Placement)
GEN400: Visioning a Future	ED4214 Coll Plan w/ Family School & Comm EIEd (incl 175 hr Clinical Practice)
ED4304 Elem Educ Clinical Practice. 9 cr. Fulltime ClinPractice.	ED4305 Refl Prac in EIEd & SpEd (offered at Lkwd campus only in the evening)

Advising notes for students:

1. The program is designed for full-time students. Students enrolling on a part-time basis should realize that they may experience some course conflicts. GCU is not responsible for resolving such conflicts.
2. Questions about GCU financial aid should be referred to the GCU financial aid office (732.987.2258 – please identify yourself as a Lincroft student).
3. All requirements listed in this handout and GCU catalog MUST eventually be completed (please note in particular Brookdale and GCU major and gen ed courses, and GCU requirements for experiential learning). The student's GCU Registrar-issued Progress Chart shows which requirements have or have not been completed.
4. Some courses may be offered in online mode only. GCU cannot guarantee that courses will be offered on only two days per week or that the days per week will not change from semester to semester.
5. GCU Lincroft students must earn at least 48 GCU credits graded A-F to be eligible for degree honors.
6. ED4305 Reflective Practice is offered only at the Lakewood campus in the evening.