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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION *College of Education*

WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

Elementary Education BS

Teaching k-6 licensure with program endorsements in Middle School communication arts and literature.

A major component of professional education coursework involves clinical experiences in area schools. These field experiences are developmentally sequenced opportunities to apply learning to the field of practice, culminating in a year-long student teaching experience. Such structured and sequenced experiences expose students to the full range of responsibilities of today's educators, while furthering learning and skill development, and nurturing dispositions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Elementary school teaching requires a wide variety of skills and aptitudes, including a talent for working with children; organizational, administrative, and record keeping abilities; research, and communication skills; the power to influence, motivate, and train others; patience, and creativity. Other occupations requiring some of these aptitudes include college and university faculty, counselors, education administrators, media generalists, preschool teachers, public relations specialists, sales representatives, social workers, and trainers and employee development specialists.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average salary for public elementary school teachers is \$55,290. Private school teachers and early childhood education teachers, generally earn less than public school teachers.

Teachers earning a masters in conjunction with classroom experience, are generally eligible for additional economic compensation.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Faculty/student ratio

1:25 in major classes

Unique program components

- Learning Communities
- School experiences at different grade levels each semester
- Cohorts and clusters for professional coursework
- Full semester of cooperative student teaching

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Accreditation

Accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Approved by the Minnesota Board of Teaching (INCATE). Approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB).

edTPA: Consistent high scores on the edTPA, which is a performance based, subject-specific assessment and support system that emphasizes, measures and supports the skills and knowledge that all effective teachers need.

BACKGROUND — HOW DO I PREPARE?

It is suggested to gain experiences:

- Working with school age children
- Volunteering in diverse schools
- Interacting with people who are different than you
- Talking with teachers about the shifts in teaching
- Read about and reflect on social justice and racial equity

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PLAN OF STUDY

Required General Education	
ART 225 Developing Creativity: Approaches and Techniques	3
CHEM 100 Chemistry in Society	4
CMST 100 Fundamentals of Speech OR CMST 102 Public Speaking	3
EEC 222W Human Rel in a Multicultural Soc	3
ENG 101 Composition OR ENG 104 Stretch Composition II	4
GEOG 100 Elements of Geography	3
GEOL 100 Our Geologic Geography	3
HIST 190 United States to 1877	4
HLTH 240 Drug Education	3
MATH 112 College Algebra	4
MATH 201 Elements of Math I	3
THEA 101 Acting for Everyone	3
Goal Area 9 Ethic and Civic Responsibility	3-4
Elective	1
Support	
BIO 280 Bio Lab Exp Elementary Teacher	3
EEC 215 Intro to Ed Psychology & Instruction	4
ENG 325 Children's Literature	3
MATH 202 Elements of Math II	3
PHYS 280 Lab. Exp. in Physical Science	3
Block I	
EEC 411 Elementary Math Methods Primary	2
EEC 438 Creating Environments for Learning	4
EEC 422W Literacy Fundamentals	4
EEC 423 Field Exp. for the Diverse Classroom I	1
EEC 427 Instructional Planning and Assessment	2
EEC 444 Elementary Science I	3

Block II	
EEC 431 Elementary Math Methods Intermediate	3
EEC 432 Social Studies in Elementary School	3
EEC 454 Elementary Science II	3
EEC 437 Field Experience for the Diverse Classroom II	1
EEC 445 Literacy Methods	4
Pre-Student Teaching	
EEC 401 Music for Elementary Teachers	1
EEC 405 Art for Elementary Teachers	1
EEC 415 Physical Ed. for Elementary Teachers	1
EEC 421 Multi-Tiered Systems of Support	4
EEC 424 Special Ed & Behav Needs in El Ed	3
EEC 463 Pre Student Teaching	4
ENG 491 Teaching English Language Learners	4
Student Teaching	
EEC 473 Student Teaching	12

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