

# Elementary Education

A Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Elementary Education entitles students to apply for the State of Illinois Professional Educator License with an Elementary Education endorsement, which will allow them to teach in first grade through sixth grade.

## Admission

All students who plan to major in Elementary Education must apply to the Teacher Education Program in the School of Education. To be eligible for the Elementary Education methods courses and the Professional Education Sequence, Elementary Education majors must: (1) be admitted to the Teacher Education Program; and (2) have completed 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 2.75 (4.0 scale). In addition, Elementary Education majors entering the methods/professional sequence must have successfully completed the following University Core Curriculum courses with a grade of C or better: ENGL 101, ENGL 102, and ELED 220/MATH 220, or equivalent.

## Advancement

Advancement in the major is based not only on continued satisfactory academic performance (grade of C or better for methods and professional sequence courses) and satisfying requirements of the Teacher Education Program, but also on acceptable professional behaviors and competencies as reflected in the state standards for licensure: the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, Elementary Education Standards, and Social Emotional Standards for all teachers. These standards are deemed essential for competent and effective educators. Students are required to demonstrate their achievement of these standards through their performance in their courses and in the field. The Elementary Education program is designed to be taken over four semesters with each semester containing a field experience.

To continue in the Elementary Education program, a student must maintain a 2.75 GPA in the major, earn a C or better in the elementary and professional core courses, and demonstrate appropriate progress toward meeting the Illinois Professional Teaching and Content standards. Students in the Elementary Education major may repeat the same course in the Major Requirements and the Professional Education Sequence only once. Students must have the consent of the program to register for a repeat course.

To be eligible for the professional semester (student teaching), and completion of the program, the student must have attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in the major and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.75; completed ECFS 225, ECFS 337, ECFS/ELED 361, ELED 362, ECFS/ELED 388, ELED 389, ELED 418, ECFS 419, ECFS/ELED 426, ELED 427, ECFS/ELED 431, ECFS/ELED 432, ELED 433, and ECFS 434 with a grade of C or better; have made application for the professional semester; and be approved by the program based on performance in all major courses.

## Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Elementary Education Degree Requirements

Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
University Core Curriculum Requirements	39
To include ENGL 101, ENGL 102; MATH 108; 6 credit hours of Science (Physical science and Life science); CMST 101; UNIV 101; EDUC 211, EDUC 214; 3 credit hours of Social Science; 3 credit hours of Fine Arts; 6 credit hours of Humanities; 2 credit hours of Human Health.	
Elementary Education Major Requirements	54

Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
ELED 220/MATH 220, ECFS 225, ECFS 337, ECFS/ELED 361, ELED 362, ECFS/ELED 388, ELED 389, ELED 418, ECFS 419, ECFS/ELED 426, ELED 427, ECFS/ELED 431, ECFS/ELED 432, ELED 433, ELED 434; KIN 202; MATH 282, three-hour elective.	
Professional Education Sequence	27
EDUC 101, EDUC 301, EDUC 302, EDUC 303, EDUC 308, EDUC 313, EDUC 319, EDUC 401A.	
Total	120

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