

Elementary Education

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Objective:

To prepare candidates to teach in the elementary grades (K-8) and to meet certification requirements

Administrator: Chair, Undergraduate Department of Education

Elementary Program Requirements: 16 credits in professional education; 41 credits in elementary education; 34 credits in liberal arts; and requirements for one **middle level endorsement** (grades 5-9)

Professional Education Core: 16 credits

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC1100	Introduction to Education	1
EDUC2110	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC2250	Cultural Diversity in Education	2
EDUC2550	Innovative Instruction	3
EDUC2960	Introduction to Instructional Design	1
EDUC3150	Education of Exceptional Children	3
EDUC3920	Foundations of Education	2
EDUC4950	Seminar/Capstone	1

Elementary Education Core: 41 credits

Item #	Title	Credits
EDUC3000	Mathematics Lab for Elementary Teachers	2
EDUC3240	Classroom Management in K-8 Classrooms	3
EDUC3250	Fundamentals of Reading	3
EDUC3260	Content Literacy in K-8 Classrooms	3
EDUC3310	Teaching English Language Learners	1
EDUC4440	Elementary Internship I	3
EDUC4450	Elementary Internship II	11
EDUC4460	Assessment and Intervention in Reading	3
EDUC4540	Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Language Arts in the Elementary Classroom	4
EDUC4550	Methods of Teaching Science and Mathematics in Elementary Classrooms	4
EDUC4590	Pedagogy of Writing in K-8 Schools	3
EDUC4810	Elementary School Start-Up	1

Liberal Arts Core: 34 credits

Literature (11):

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL1040	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
ENGL2120	English Grammar and Usage	2
	ENGL3020W or ENGL3000W or any ENGL course with a W designation	3
ENGL3750	Children's and Young Adult Literature	3

History (6):

Item #	Title	Credits
	US. History	3
	Non-U.S. History	3

Mathematics (6):

Item #	Title	Credits
MATH2010	Fundamental Mathematical Structures I	3
MATH2020	Fundamental Mathematical Structures II	3

Social Science (3):

Item #	Title	Credits
GEOG1050	Introduction to Geography	3

Natural Science (8):

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL1010	Introduction to Biology	3
BIOL1010L	Introduction to Biology Laboratory	1
PHYS1010	Introduction to Physical Science	3
PHYS1010L	Introduction to Physical Science Laboratory	1

Course must be taken at Northwest Nazarene University: [EDUC1100](#), [EDUC2550](#), [EDUC2960](#), [EDUC3920](#), [EDUC4950](#), [EDUC3000](#), [EDUC3240](#), [EDUC3250](#), [EDUC3260](#), [EDUC4440](#), [EDUC4450](#), [EDUC4460](#), [EDUC4540](#), [EDUC4550](#), [EDUC4590](#), [EDUC4810](#)

All Education and Liberal Arts Core courses require a grade of B- or higher.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education requires the addition of one teaching endorsement, grades 5-9.

Program Certification Requirements

To be recommended for elementary certification to the Idaho State Department of Education, a candidate must meet the following standards:

1. Complete all requirements for a baccalaureate degree.
2. Complete requirements of the Educator Preparation Program in effect at the time of admission to Educator Preparation as well as any additional requirements if required by changes in the standards of state regulatory agencies.
3. Complete all required courses in the elementary program with a grade of B- (2.7) or better. This grade requirement supersedes all other grade requirements for courses in more than one category.
4. Complete all required middle school endorsement courses with a grade of C (2.0) or better.
5. Maintain a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA.
6. Pass the Praxis Elementary Multiple Subjects test (#5001).
7. Pass the appropriate endorsement Praxis.

Completing an Idaho-approved Educator Preparation Program will enable a candidate to be recommended for certification in other states. Deviations from the teaching major or certification requirements must be authorized by the department chair.

Elementary education candidates must complete the requirements for a middle level endorsement leading to a subject-area endorsement in the 5-9 grade band. It is recommended that candidates choose one of the following content areas: English, history, math, science, or social studies.

Note: For those interested in teaching elementary art, physical education, or music, see those sections under **Secondary Education**, as these programs lead to 6-12 or K-12 certification.

Total Credits

91