

Elementary Education

at Arcadia University

Global Perspectives...Personal Attention...Real-World Integrative Learning Experiences

Coordinator

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Master's Degree and Teaching Certification

Master of Education with a Concentration in Elementary Education
Certification: Instructional, Supervisory

About the Elementary Education Master's Degree Program

The Elementary Education program is designed to allow students seeking Elementary Education certification to attain a master's degree concurrently. The degree is not required for certification, and individual requirements for certification may vary based on academic transcripts. Students should expect field observations to be part of course requirements and should anticipate demands on morning or afternoon times to fulfill observations. In addition, students are strongly encouraged to gain field experience by visiting schools, volunteering, or conducting extracurricular activities with schoolchildren.

Master of Education Degree Program Requirements (M.Ed.)

(a minimum of 30 credits)

The degree program must be planned with an adviser to ensure that degree and/or certification requirements are satisfied.

Elementary Education Concentration

1. Foundation Courses (6–9 credits) chosen in consultation with the adviser from the following:
ED 501–510
2. Concentration Courses (21–24 credits) chosen with the adviser to include but not limited to the following:

ED 517	Human Development: The School Years, K–12
ED 521	The Teacher and the Classroom, Elementary
ED 526A	Learning and Assessment in Elementary Mathematics
ED 552	Issues and Methods in Elementary School Science
ED 562A	Teaching Citizenship and Social Science K–6
ED 564	Creative Expression
ED 565	Introduction to Instructional Technology
ED 580	Introduction to Inclusive Education
ED 601	Developmental Literacy
ED 604	English Language Arts
ED 605	Writing to Improve Literacy
ED 606	Strategic Instruction for Emergent and Content Literacy, K–6
ED 608	Literature for Children and Youth

In addition to the above courses, when applicable the student may consult with the adviser to pursue advanced study in one or more of the elementary subject areas (Literacy, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Art/Music, Technology, Special Education/Inclusion or Curriculum).

3. Culminating Activity (0-3 credits) — Arranged in consultation with the adviser at the time of completing the Degree Candidacy Application. For students completing certification and master's degree concurrently, the Culminating Activity is ED 470 Graduate Student Teaching Practicum, Elementary (6 credits; credits not applicable to degree).

Certification

Pennsylvania Instructional Teacher Certification (variable credit depending on previous academic credentials)

Elementary Education

ED 503	General Foundations of Education in the United States
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ED 517	Human Development: The School Years, K–12	Praxis I: Passing scores on Reading, Writing and Mathematics tests are required for admission to the program.
ED 521	The Teacher and the Classroom, Elementary	
ED 526A	Learning and Assessment in Elementary Mathematics	Praxis II: Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (30511) Qualifying Score: 150 **Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (10011) Qualifying Score: 168
ED 552	Issues and Methods in Elementary School Science	
ED 562A	Teaching Social Studies, K–6	**Required for initial instructional certificate. Candidates completing an approved program and adding either Early Childhood or Elementary Education to an existing PA instructional certificate are only required to take Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge.
ED 564	Creative Expressions	
ED 565	Introduction to Instructional Technology	
ED 580	Introduction to Inclusive Education	
ED 601	Literacy Foundations	
One of the following (chosen with adviser):		
ED 602	Literacy Problems, Multicultural Classroom: Assessment/Instruction,	
	or ED 604 English Language Arts,	
	or ED 605 Writing to Improve Literacy	
	or ED 606 Emergent and Content Literacy K-6	
	or ED 608 Literature for Children and Youth	
ED 470	Graduate Student Teaching Practicum: Elementary (6 credits; credits not applicable to degree)	
	or ED 583B Fieldwork (for previously certified students) (3 credits; credits not applicable to master's degree)	

Additional Certification Requirements

1. Completion of all subject area coursework required to meet the general and specific certification standards of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This will be determined by the Coordinator.
2. A grade of “B” or better in the Graduate Student Teaching Practicum and the Fieldwork course.
3. Completion of all Praxis examinations is required prior to enrolling for the Student Teaching Practicum.