

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Degree: Master of Education
 Division: Teacher Education
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 College: Professional Studies

The division offers a master's degree specialization in Elementary Education within the M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction program.

This program is designed to develop master teachers for grades 1-6 who will be prepared for instructional and leadership roles in elementary education. Students completing the program will be eligible for Florida graduate certification in elementary education.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the minimum University standards for admission to graduate studies, students must comply with the requirements for admission to Teacher Education. These requirements are listed in the graduate programs section of the catalog under Teacher Education. Students are selected for admission on the basis of the undergraduate GPA, graduate course GPA, and GRE scores.

A limited number of students not meeting the minimum requirements may be granted conditional admission.

When the student does not have an undergraduate major or the equivalent in elementary or middle school education, prerequisite course work will be required and planned for the candidate by the student's academic advisor.

When evidence indicates weakness in academic or professional skills, the candidate may be recommended for non-credit personal improvement work in these areas.

Other Considerations

Transfer credit: Students may be permitted to transfer up to 6 semester hours of graduate credit with the approval of the academic advisor and chairperson.

Use of undergraduate credit: With prior approval of the student's academic advisor and the department chairperson, a maximum of 6 semester hours of 3000- or 4000-level course work may be applied toward the master's degree.

Use of workshop credit: No more than 6 semester hours of credit in workshop courses may be applied toward the master's degree.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, candidates for degrees must meet the following requirements:

- A. Degree programs must include at least 36 semester hours of approved course work.

- B. At least one-half of the credit hours included in the degree program must be taken in the specialization area.
- C. At least one-half of the credit hours included in the degree program must be courses numbered 6000 or above.
- D. Degree candidates must complete an approved degree project.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION (students with teacher certification)

Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)

(taken in sequence):

EDF 6602	Trends and Issues in Education: Social, Multicultural, Historical & Philosophical Analysis	3
EDF 6218	Current Issues in Student Development & Learning	3
EDE 6482	Research Practicum	3

Methods Specialization (18 sh)

EDE 6206	Integrated Curriculum	3
EDE 6268	School Involvement & Community Relations ...	3
EDE 6501	Classroom Management for Elementary Environments	3
EDE 6911	Action Research	3
EDG 6344C	Instructional Management and Technology	3
EEX 6051	Exceptionalities	3

Electives (9 sh)

Determined by students in consultation with their advisor.

Degree Project/Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)

A research project or action research, and a comprehensive examination are required for graduation.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION (students without teacher certification)

Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)

Same as Elementary Education with Certification.

Major Core (18 sh)

EDE 6206	Integrated Curriculum	3
EDE 6268	School Involvement & Community Relations ...	3
EDE 6911	Action Research	3
EDG 6344C	Instructional Management and Technology	3
TSL 4080	Foundations of Teaching ESOL Students in the Schools	3
EEX 6051	Exceptionalities	3

Special Methods Courses (13 sh)

ARE 5315C	Arts Education for the Elementary Grades	2
EDE 6266	Teaching Literacy in Elementary School Settings	3
EDE 6303	Teaching Science & Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
MAE 6115C	Teaching Mathematics in Elementary Education	3
PET 5436	Teaching Health & Physical Education: K-6	2

Advisor approved electives 0-6
 (6 sh required if comprehensive exam selected)

Field Experience (11 sh)

EDE 6941	Graduate Methods/ESOL/Reading Practicum: Elementary Education	3
EDG 4308	Senior Seminar: Teaching in the Elementary School	2
EDG 5940	Graduate Student Teaching	6
	Course offered as 1-6 sh per semester	

Degree Project/Comprehensive Examination (0 sh)

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READING EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION

This program is designed to develop specialists in teaching reading, diagnosing reading difficulties, and coordinating and supervising programs in reading (K-12 and adult programs). Students completing the program are eligible for Florida graduate certification in reading.

Professional Education Common Core (9 sh)

(taken in sequence):

EDF 6602	Trends and Issues in Education: Social, Multicultural, Historical & Philosophical Analysis	3
EDF 6218	Current Issues in Student Development & Learning	3
EDF 6481	Educational Research	3

Specialization (19-21 sh)

LAE 6352	Language Arts Instruction in Elementary School Settings	3
RED 5515	Elements of Diagnosis of Reading Problems ...	3
RED 6116	Improving Reading Instruction	3
RED 6161	Pre-Adolescent, Adolescent & Adult Reading Instruction	3
RED 6546	Diagnosis of Reading Disabilities	3
RED 6548	Remedial & Corrective Reading	3
RED 6747	Research & Trends in Reading	1-3
	Course offered as 1-3 sh per semester	

Degree Project (0 or 6 sh)

The degree project will take one of three forms:

- A. A written comprehensive examination is required of all degree candidates who do not select the action research or the thesis option.
- B. The action research option requires the design, implementation, and scholarly report of an action research project.
- C. The thesis option requires the production of a scholarly report of an investigation resulting from a study based on a careful review of related literature.

Choose one:

RED 6911	Action Research: Reading	6
	Course offered as 1-6 sh per semester	
RED 6971	Thesis	6
	Course offered as 1-6 sh per semester	
	Comprehensive exam	0

Other Requirements (6 or 12 sh)

EDF 5460	Classroom Assessment Strategies	3
ELD 6051	Current View of Exceptional Children-LD	3