

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.

Learning Outcome

Students who graduate with a B.A. in Elementary Education should be able to ...

- Know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children and young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students' development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation.
- Demonstrate a high level of competence in use of English language arts and they know, understand, and use concepts from reading, language and child development, to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills and to help students successfully apply their developing skills to many different situations, materials, and ideas.
- Know, understand, and use fundamental concepts of physical, life, and earth/space sciences. Candidates can design and implement age-appropriate inquiry lessons to teach science, to build student understanding for personal and social applications, and to convey the nature of science.
- Know, understand, and use the major concepts and procedures that define number and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, and data analysis and probability. In doing so they consistently engage problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, connections, and representation.
- Know, understand, and use the major concepts and modes of inquiry from the social studies-the integrated study of history, geography, the social sciences, and other related areas-to promote elementary students' abilities to make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society and interdependent world.
- Know, understand, and use-as appropriate to their own understanding and skills-the content, functions, and achievements of the performing arts (dance, music, theater) and the visual arts as primary media for communication, inquiry, and engagement among elementary students.
- Know, understand, and use the major concepts in the subject matter of health education to create opportunities for student development and practice of skills that contribute to good health.
- Know, understand, and use-as appropriate to their own understanding and skills-human movement and physical activity as central elements to foster active, healthy life styles and enhanced quality of life for elementary students.
- Plan and implement instruction based on knowledge of students, learning theory, connections across the curriculum, curricular goals, and community.
- Understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.
- Understand and use a variety of teaching strategies that encourage elementary students' development of critical thinking and problem solving.
- Use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster

active engagement in learning, self motivation, and positive social interaction and to create supportive learning environments.

- Use their knowledge and understanding of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the elementary classroom.
- Know, understand, and use formal and informal assessment strategies to plan, evaluate and strengthen instruction that will promote continuous intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of each elementary student.
- Be aware of and reflect on their practice in light of research on teaching, professional ethics, and resources available for professional learning; they continually evaluate the effects of their professional decisions and actions on students, families and other professionals in the learning community and actively seek out opportunities to grow professionally.
- Know the importance of establishing and maintaining a positive collaborative relationship with families, school colleagues, and agencies in the larger community to promote the intellectual, social, emotional, physical growth and well-being of children.

Admissions

Admission to the Professional Program

All University teacher education students must apply and be admitted to Professional Program/Internship at mid-point(s) in their programs prior to final internship (i.e. student teaching). Requirements for admission vary by program, but for undergraduate students include 60 credit hours with a minimum overall GPA of 2.75, successful completion of a state-approved basic skills examination, and courses as specified by program area.

Students should contact their program area or the College of Education Office of Student Affairs for specific requirements and application deadlines.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

See College of Education (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/education/>) for certification requirements and other academic opportunities.

Program of Study

Requirements	Credit Hours
1. Carolina Core	31-43
2. College Requirements	0
3. Program Requirements	24-27
4. Major Requirements	62

Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/>).

1. Carolina Core Requirements (31-43 hours)

CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- any CC-CMW courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)

- any CC-ARP courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

SCI – Scientific Literacy (7-8 hours)

Select from two different categories below.

- Life Science** from the following (3-4 hours):
 - BIOL 110
 - BIOL 120 & BIOL 120L
- Physical Science** from the following (3-4 hours):
 - CHEM 101
 - CHEM 105
 - CHEM 107
 - PHYS 101 & PHYS 101L
 - PHYS 201 & PHYS 201L
- Earth Science** from the following (3-4 hours):
 - ENVR 101 & ENVR 101L
 - ENVR 200
 - GEOG 201
 - GEOG 202
 - GEOL 101
 - GEOL 103
 - MSCI 210 & MSCI 210L
 - MSCI 215 & MSCI 215L

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)

Complete the Carolina Core approved courses in Foreign Language (GFL) or by achieving a score of 2 or better on a USC foreign language placement test.

- CC-GFL courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- Choose one of the following:
 - HIST 111
 - HIST 112

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- Choose one of the following:
 - POLI 101
 - POLI 201

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

- any CC-AIU course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component ¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

INF – Information Literacy ¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility ¹ (0-3 hours)

any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

¹ **Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements** – Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements.

2. College Requirements (0 hours)

No college-required courses for this program.

3. Program Requirements (24-27 hours)

Supporting Courses (24-25 hours)

Complete 3-4 hours from the category below that was not used to fulfill CC-SCI (for a total of 10 hours in sciences, including the courses chosen to fulfill CC-SCI).

Course	Title	Credits
Select 3-4 hours of the following: 3-4		
Life Science		
BIOL 110	General Biology	
BIOL 120 & 120L	Human Biology and Laboratory in Human Biology	
Physical Science		
CHEM 101	Fundamental Chemistry I	
CHEM 105	Chemistry and Modern Society I	
CHEM 107	Forensic Chemistry	
PHYS 101 & 101L	The Physics of How Things Work I and The Physics of How Things Work I Lab	
PHYS 201 & 201L	General Physics I and General Physics Laboratory I	
Earth Science		
ENVR 101	Introduction to the Environment	
ENVR 200	Natural History of South Carolina	
GEOG 201	Landform Geography	
GEOG 202	Weather and Climate	
GEOL 101	Introduction to the Earth	

GEOL 103	Environment of the Earth	
GEOL 201	Observing the Earth	
MSCI 210 & 210L	Oceans and Society and Oceans and Society Laboratory	
MSCI 215 & 215L	Coastal Environments of the Southeastern US and Coastal Environments of the Southeastern U.S. (Laboratory)	
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 121	Globalization and World Regions	
GEOG 210	Peoples, Places, and Environments	
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 221	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 222	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 224	Introduction to Economics	
The following courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.		
Select one of the following:		3
SLIS 325	Children's Literature	
ENGL 431A	Children's Literature	
ENGL 431B	Picture Books	
MATH 221	Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I	3
MATH 222	Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics II	3
PEDU 575	Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTE 520	Art for Elementary Schools	
ARTE 530	Art of Children	
MUED 555	Integrating Music into the Elementary Classroom	
Total Credit Hours		24-25

Minor (0-18 hours) *optional*

A student may choose to complete a minor consisting of 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or better.

Electives (0-3 hours)

The number of elective hours required depends upon the number of hours used to fulfill other degree requirements. Minimum degree requirements must equal 120 hours.

4. Major Requirements (62 hours)

Achieve a GPA of 3.00 or higher in all education course work; a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

Education Core (14 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDEX 523	Introduction to Exceptional Children	3
EDFI 300	Schools in Communities	3
EDPY 401	Learners and the Diversity of Learning	3
EDRM 423	Introduction to Classroom Assessment	2
EDTE 201	Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning	3
Total Credit Hours		14

Elementary Core and Clinical Experience (27 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDEL 305	Nature and Management of Elementary Classrooms	3
EDEL 306	Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for the Elementary Classrooms	3
EDEL 440	Elementary Mathematics Instruction	3
EDEL 450	Elementary Science Instruction	3
EDEL 460	Elementary Social Studies Instruction	3
EDEL 491	Seminar on Teaching	3
EDRD 430	Elementary Literacy Instruction I	6
EDRD 431	Reading Assessment	3

Total Credit Hours **27**

Practicum and Internship Experience (21 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
EDEL 441	Introductory Elementary Internship	3
EDEL 471	Internship in Environments, Planning, and Motivation for Teaching and Learning	6
EDEL 490	Internship in Elementary Education	12
Total Credit Hours		21

Note: For admission to EDEL 490, a GPA of 3.00 or higher is required in EDEL 440, EDEL 450, EDEL 460, and EDEL 471 .

Major Map

A major map is a layout of required courses in a given program of study, including critical courses and suggested course sequences to ensure a clear path to graduation.

Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.

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