

Elementary Education

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Mission Statement

The UVU School of Education prepares educators and clinicians to have a positive impact through meaningful innovation, engaged pedagogy, rigorous preparation, inclusion and diversity, and transformative communities.

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Early Childhood Education Program

The Early Childhood Education program is strongly aligned with community needs. It provides instruction and preparation for those seeking to work with young children in preschool and day care facilities. It provides a strong experiential program through course work, observations and practicum.

Professional Elementary Teacher Education Program

The Professional Elementary Teacher Education Program at Utah Valley University is designed to prepare quality, entry-level candidates for teaching in elementary education programs grades K-6. Students successfully completing the UVU professional teacher education program graduation and licensure requirements receive a baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education and a Level I Utah Professional Teaching License.

The UVU teacher education initial licensure program is accredited by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP), the Utah State Board of Education, and the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Career Opportunities

Early Childhood Education Program

Career opportunities include: teaching in early childhood programs and child care centers, Head Start teacher and teacher aide, teacher aide in elementary school, teacher aide in special education classes, owner and/or director of preschool or child care center.

Professional Elementary Teacher Education Program

Upon successful completion of the UVU Professional Teacher Education Program and the Praxis Subject Assessment, students are recommended to the Utah State Board of Education for an Elementary Education professional educator license. This license allows individuals to teach in Utah elementary schools.

Certain Elementary Education (EDEL) and Early Childhood Education (EDEC) courses transfer to other institutions offering these programs.

Degrees/License

Degrees available: Certificate of Completion in Early Care and Education, Associate in Science (AS) in Early Childhood Education, Associate in Science (AS) in Pre-Elementary Education, Baccalaureate of Science Degree (BS) in Elementary Education. The State of Utah offers professional educator licenses for Elementary Education.

Admission & Retention

Admission to the Education Program is required for enrollment in professional studies level courses. Admission criteria*: 1) Praxis (5001) Scores (required scores: Read/Lang. Art = 157, Math = 157, Social Studies = 155, Science – 159); 2) GPA of 3.00 or higher (including B- or higher in all EDEL pre-professional emphasis courses); 3) a grade of B- or higher in ENGL 2010 and a C or higher in all required math courses; and 4) Completion of the coursework for the Associate of Science degree in Pre-Elementary Education or equivalent. Applicants are accepted into the Teacher Education Program for fall and spring semesters after meeting entrance requirements.

*Please contact the Elementary Education Advisors for the current admission requirements. Admission to the teacher education licensure program is a separate process from and in addition to admission to Utah Valley University. Meeting the minimum requirements qualifies the student to be considered for admission.

To continue in the program, students are expected to maintain all program standards. They must maintain expected levels of competence in all coursework, field work, and student teaching with all course grades at or above a B- and a program GPA of 3.00 or higher. Additionally, teacher candidates are expected to adhere to standards of

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personal integrity, responsibility, and citizenship commonly expected of professional educators.

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Degrees & Programs

Early Childhood Education, A.S.

Requirements

Individuals who earn an Associate Degree In Early Childhood Education are prepared to teach preschool in private and corporate centers, Head Start, and public education tuition preschools, or work as center directors. The Associate Degree in Early Childhood can be planned to fill the majority of the requirements for entry into the Elementary Education Program. The UVU Early Childhood Education program is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The UVU Teacher Education Preschool is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Total Program Credits: 60

General Education Requirements:			36 Credits
	ENGL 1010	Introduction to Writing	3
	ENGL 2010	Intermediate Writing--Humanities/ Social Sciences	3
or	ENGL 2020	Intermediate Writing--Science and Technology (3.0)	
	MATH 1050	College Algebra	4
or	MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries (5.0)	
Complete one of the following:			3
	HIST 2700	US History to 1877 (3.0)	

and	HIST 2710	US History since 1877 (3.0)	
	HIST 1700	American Civilization (3.0)	
	HIST 1740	US Economic History (3.0)	
	POLS 1000	American Heritage (3.0)	
	POLS 1100	American National Government (3.0)	
Complete the following:			
	PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 3100	Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2
Distribution Courses:			
	Biology		3
	Physical Science		3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science		3
	Humanities Distribution		3
	Fine Arts Distribution		3
	PSY 1100	Human Development Life Span ("C" grade or higher)	3
Discipline Core Requirements:			23 Credits
	EDEL 2200	Computer Technology in Education	2
	EDEC 2300	Including Young Diverse Learners	2
	EDEC 2500	Child Development Birth to Eight Years	3
	EDEC 2600	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	2
	EDEC 2610	Child Guidance	3
	EDEC 2620	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
	EDEC 2630	Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood	3
	EDEC 2700	Early Childhood Practicum	3
	EDEC 2720	Early Childhood Assessment	2
Elective Requirements:			1 Credits
	Any Advisor Approved elective		1

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 60 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. C- grade or higher in all program classes unless otherwise specified.
3. Residency hours -- minimum of 20 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. First aid/CPR certification, food handler's permit, portfolio review and acceptance by Education Committee

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Careers

Careers:
Teaching in early childhood programs and child care centers, Head Start teacher and teacher aide, teacher aid in elementary school, owner and director of preschool or child care center, Head Start Head Teacher.

Related Careers

- Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
- Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education

Pre-Elementary Education, A.S.

Requirements

Prepares students for matriculation into the Bachelor of Science Professional Elementary Education program.

Total Program Credits: 61

General Education Requirements:		36 Credits
	ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing	3
	ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing--Humanities/ Social Sciences (3.0)	
or	ENGL 2020 Intermediate Writing--Science and Technology	3
	MATH 1050 College Algebra	4
or	MATH 1055 College Algebra with Preliminaries (5.0)	
Complete one of the following:		3
	HIST 2700 US History to 1877 (3.0)	
and	HIST 2710 US History since 1877 (3.0)	
	HIST 1700 American Civilization (3.0)	
	HIST 1740 US Economic History (3.0)	
	POLS 1000 American Heritage (3.0)	
	POLS 1100 American National Government (3.0)	
Complete the following:		
	PHIL 2050 Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 3100 Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2
Distribution Courses:		
	Biology	3
	Physical Science	3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science	3
	Humanities Distribution	3
	Fine Arts Distribution	3
	PSY 1100 Human Development Life Span (Social/Behavioral Science)	3
Discipline Core Requirements:		15 Credits
Complete the following:		
	EDEL 2200 Computer Technology in Education	2
	EDEL 1010 Introduction to Education	2
	EDEL 2330 Children's Literature	3
	EDSP 3400 Exceptional Students	2
	MATH 2010 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
	MATH 2020 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
Elective Requirements:		10 Credits
Complete 10 of course 1000 or higher. The following is a list of recommended courses to choose from (the courses required for a degree in Early Childhood License are grouped together):		10
	ART 3400 Elementary Art Education Methods (3.0)	

	MUSC 3400 Music in the Elementary School (2.0)	
	DANC 3400 Dance in the Elementary School (2.0)	
	THEA 2200 Theatre and Drama in the Elementary School (3.0)	
	PHIL 3450 Philosophy of Childhood (3.0)	
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	EDEC 2300 Including Young Diverse Learners (2.0)	
	EDEC 2500 Child Development Birth to Eight Years (3.0)	
	EDEC 2600 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (2.0)	
	EDEC 2610 Child Guidance (3.0)	
	EDEC 2630 Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood (3.0)	

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Pre-Elementary Education, A.S.

Careers

Careers:

Teacher aid within the Utah public or private education systems.

Related Careers

- Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
- Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education

Early Care and Education, Certificate of Completion

Requirements

This certificate is for students interested in increasing their skills in working with children in child care and preschool programs. Individuals are prepared to work as technicians in public education classrooms and as teacher aides in private centers or Head Start.

Total Program Credits: 30

Discipline Core Requirements:		28 Credits
	PSY 1100 Human Development Life Span (C grade or higher)	3
	EDEC 1640 Childrens Music and Movement	2
	EDEC 2300 Including Young Diverse Learners	2
or	EDSP 3400 Exceptional Students (2.0)	
	EDEC 2500 Child Development Birth to Eight Years	3
	EDEC 2600 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	2
	EDEC 2610 Child Guidance	3
	EDEC 2620 Early Childhood Curriculum	3

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	EDEC 2630	Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood	3
	EDEC 2700	Early Childhood Practicum	3
	EDEC 2720	Early Childhood Assessment	2
	EDEL 2200	Computer Technology in Education	2
Elective Requirements:			2 Credits
Advisor Approval			2

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 30 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. C- grade or higher in all program courses unless otherwise specified.
3. Residency hours -- minimum of 10 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. First aid/CPR certification, food handler's permit, portfolio review and acceptance by Education Committee.

Early Care and Education, Certificate of Completion Careers

Careers:
Individuals are prepared to work as aides in public education preschool classrooms, private centers, Head Start, or own and direct a private preschool or child care center.

Related Careers

- Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education
- Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education

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Requirements

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Total Program Credits: 120

General Education Requirements:			36 Credits
	ENGL 1010	Introduction to Writing	3
	ENGL 2010	Intermediate Writing--Humanities/ Social Sciences	3
or	ENGL 2020	Intermediate Writing--Science and Technology (3.0)	
	MATH 1050	College Algebra***	4
or	MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries (5.0) ***	
Complete one of the following:			3

	HIST 2700	US History to 1877 (3.0)	
and	HIST 2710	US History since 1877 (3.0)	
	HIST 1700	American Civilization (3.0)	
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	POLS 1000	American Heritage (3.0)	
	POLS 1100	American National Government (3.0)	
Complete the following:			
	PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 3100	Health Education for Elementary Teachers	2
Distribution Courses:			
	Biology		3
	Physical Science		3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science		3
	Humanities Distribution		3
	ART 3400	Elementary Art Education Methods (fulfills Fine Arts)	3
or	THEA 2200	Theatre and Drama in the Elementary School (fulfills Fine Arts) (3.0)	
or	MUSC 3400	Music in the Elementary School (fulfills Fine Arts) (2.0)	
and	DANC 3400	Dance in the Elementary School (2.0)	
	PSY 1100	Human Development Life Span ("C" grade or higher)	3
Discipline Core Requirements:			77 Credits
Pre-Professional Core Requirements: *			
	EDEL 1010	Introduction to Education **	2
	EDEL 2200	Computer Technology in Education **	2
	EDEL 2330	Childrens Literature **	3
	EDSP 3400	Exceptional Students **	2
	MATH 2010	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I ***	3
	MATH 2020	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II ***	3
	PETE 2150	Elementary Physical Education SPARK Method **	2
	SLSS 120R	Testing Strategies for Educators (1.0) **	1
Professional Education Core Requirements:			
	EDEL 3000	Educational Psychology	3
	EDEL 3050	Foundations of American Education	2
	EDEL 3100	Kindergarten Classroom	2
	EDEL 3250	Instructional Media	2
	EDEL 330G	Multicultural Understanding	3
	EDEL 3350	Curriculum Design and Assessment	3
	EDEL 4200	Classroom Management I	1
	EDEL 4210	Classroom Management II	1
	EDEL 4230	Classroom Management III	1
	EDEL 4240	Classroom Management IV	1
	EDEL 4400	Literacy Methods I	3

EDEL 4410	Literacy Methods II	3
EDEL 4420	Language Arts Methods	3
EDEL 443G	Teaching English as a Second Language	3
EDEL 4510	Elementary Math Methods I	3
EDEL 4520	Elementary Science Methods	3
EDEL 4530	Elementary Social Studies Methods	3
EDEL 4540	Elementary Creative Arts Methods	3
EDEL 4550	Elementary Math Methods II	3
EDEL 4620	Differentiation for Special Populations	2
EDEL 4880	Student Teaching--Grades K-6	10
EDEL 4980	Elementary Education Capstone Seminar	1
Elective Requirements:		7 Credits
Complete additional credits to meet requirements		7
Recommended elective courses:		
ART 3400	Elementary Art Education Methods (If not already taken) (3.0)	
THEA 2200	Theatre and Drama in the Elementary School (If not already taken) (3.0)	
DANC 3400	Dance in the Elementary School (If not already taken)_ (2.0)	
MUSC 3400	Music in the Elementary School (If not already taken) (2.0)	

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA).
3. Residency hours -- minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVU, with at least 10 hours earned in the last 45 hours.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. Successful completion of at least one Global/Intercultural course.

NOTE: Application forms are available at the beginning of each Spring semester, must be completed by March 1st, and can be obtained in the Education Department, 801-863-8527.

Footnotes
* Students must complete all Pre-Professional and General Education courses with an overall GPA of 3.0 before they are formally admitted into the Teacher Preparation Program.
** Must be completed with a grade of B- or higher
*** Course requires a C grade or higher

Elementary Education, B.S.**Careers**

Careers:
Career opportunities result from completion of the UVU Professional Teacher Education Program which qualifies students for a Level I Utah Professional Teaching License for grades K-6.

Related Careers

- Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education