Elementary Education

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose Elementary Education?

The School of Education offers an exemplary program in Elementary Education designed to provide a balanced blend of theory and practice. Throughout the program students will complete at least 570 hours in a variety of hands-on, field-based experiences in the K-8 classroom. Our class sizes of 20-25 students guarantee that all students receive the attention they deserve. A background in state-of-the-art educational technology prepares students to integrate computer technology into instruction.

The Elementary Education Program requires the completion of two elementary education minors or one elementary education teaching major in addition to a planned program minor, giving students a broad academic base in language arts, math, social studies and science. Students also receive an excellent foundation in physical education and the fine arts. The professional education courses include field-based experiences supervised by instructional teams comprised of teacher educators, professors from the content area disciplines, and expert K-8 teachers.

Points of Pride

- Fully integrated methods courses
- An emphasis on academic content
- A breadth of offerings for elementary educators
- Over 570 hours in teaching field experiences
- Technology applications across all program aspects
- Focus on classroom and hands-on application
- Small class sizes
- Individual attention
- Semester-by-semester advising
- ‘Best-Practices’ research-based curriculum
- Collaborative/Team teaching with K-12 educators

Career Opportunities

Every student will graduate with the knowledge and skills needed to begin an elementary teaching career.

Admission Requirements

Students seeking admission to teacher education programs must have a 2.5 overall GPA and a 17 ACT or 900 SAT. Students transferring into the program with completed majors or minors
must have the appropriate GPA as established by each department.

**General Education Requirements**

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Teacher Certification Requirements**

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) pass the Professional Readiness Exam, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors and minors, and (3) have a 2.50 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

**Graduation Requirements**

Students interested in pursuing Elementary Education certification will complete approximately 47 credit hours in the professional education sequence, 20-37 credit hours in the planned program, and approximately 44 credit hours in two academic minors of choice. Consult individual program description for other graduation requirements.

**More Information**

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