

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

"Critical Courses" are **italicized and bolded**. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Elementary Education students must be admitted to the Educator Preparation Program prior to enrolling in upper division (300 level or above) education courses.

Professional Education Requirements:

A grade of 'C' or better is required in education courses. A grade of 'B' is required in ED 280.

- BS118 Introduction to Process Science for Elementary Teachers (1)
- CF233 Creative Thought & Expression in Children (3)
- ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)**
- ED506 Education Law and Society (3)
- EF400 Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- EL274 Diversity in American Schools (3)
- EL300 Instructional & Assistive Technology in a Universally Designed Learning Environment (3)
- EL310 Pedagogy – Elementary Instructional Strategies / Models (3)
- EL314 Literacy Field Experience (3)
- EL316 Emergent and Early Literacy Instruction (3)
- EL317 Literacy Methods for Elementary Teachers (3)
- EL340 Classroom Management (3)
- EL350 Content Field Experience (3)
- EL354 Meeting the Needs of Struggling Readers (3)
- EL355 Content & Disciplinary Literacy (3)
- EL360 Integrated Math, Science, Social Sciences, Health Instruction (3)
- EL410 Differentiated Instruction (3)
- EL420 Assessment & Data Analysis (3)
- EL430 Advanced Field Experience (3)
- EL480 Elementary Education Student Teaching (12)
- EN140 Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- EX390 Psychology of the Exceptional Child (3)
- LI243 Children's Literature (3)
- MA128 Numbers and Operations for Educators (4)*
- MA228 Geometry & Measurements for Educators (4)
- PY120 Psychological Development of the Child (3)**
- OR**
- CF120 Foundations of Child Development (3)**

Additional Requirements:

(These courses may also meet General Education requirements)

- BS218 Biological Science: A Process Approach (3)
- EC101 Economic Problems & Policies (3)
- EN100 English Composition I (3)
- PH218 Physical Science: A Process Approach (3)
- PS103 U.S. Political Systems (3)
- SC105 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
- UI308 Physical/Cultural Landscapes of the World (3)
- US105 American History I (3)

Approved elective – Choose 9 hours:

Choose from the following areas, with advice of advisor – Art, Autism, Child & Family, Dance, English, Family Engagement, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Inclusion, Math, Middle School certification, Music, Psychology, Science, Social Sciences, TESOL, Theatre

NOTE: All pre-education courses are pre-requisite to all professional education courses.

* Students who score less than 22 on the ACT math subscore must also take MA 018 lab.

NOTE: Students in the Elementary Education program may add on certification in one Middle School area: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Sciences, grades five through nine.

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	BS218	3
	EN100	3	ED280	3
	BS118	1	EN140	3
	MA128	4	MA228	4
	SC105	3	PY/CF120	3
	Total	12	Total	16

SECOND YEAR	EC101	3	CF233	3
	PH218	3	EL274	3
	PS103	3	LI243	3
	UI308	3	Approved Elective	3
	US105	3	Approved Elective	3
	Elective	1	Approved Elective	3
	Total	16	Total	18

Milestone: Admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

	Literacy Block		Content Block	
THIRD YEAR	EL300	3	EL310	3
	EL314	3	EL350	3
	EL316	3	EL355	3
	EL317	3	EL360	3
	EL340	3	EX390	3
	Total	15	Total	15

Milestone: Maintain a 3.0 GPA in content courses and in professional education

	Advanced Block		Student Teaching Block	
FOURTH YEAR	ED506	3	EF400	1
	EL354	3	EL480	12
	EL410	3		
	EL420	3		
	EL430	3		
	Total	15	Total	13

Milestone: Passing score on MO state assessment, passing score on MEES, 3.0 GPA in content courses and in professional education courses.

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state: <https://app.semo.edu/genl/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>



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ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

To be eligible for enrollment in the majority of courses offered by the Teacher Preparation Program and required for a teaching degree (BSE, BSFCSE, BME), students must be admitted to the Teacher Preparation Program (TPP). Applications can be found at

<https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/educator-preparation/admission.html>.

Students should apply for admission to the TPP upon having met the following entrance criteria:

1. 42 hours of coursework completed.
2. Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. The following course requirements met:
 - a. A minimum grade of 'C' in CF/PY120 The Child (Elementary, Early, and Exceptional) or PY222 Development of the Adolescent (Middle and Secondary)
 - b. A minimum grade of 'B' in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession or ME222 Principles of Teaching Music.
4. International students must also have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0, TOEFL score of 95, PTE score of 64, or Duolingo score of 125. This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification.

RETENTION IN THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

After admission, students must continue to meet the following requirements for retention in the TPP:

1. Demonstrate continued eligibility for interaction with schoolchildren by completing an MSHP/FBI background check through the use of the MSHP/FBI background check system. (A current background check is required for participation in all field and clinical experiences.)
2. Pass all professional education courses with a minimum grade of 'C.' A minimum grade of 'C' must be obtained in all prerequisite courses before a student can be enrolled in subsequent coursework.
3. Demonstrate behavior appropriate for teaching professionals. Appeals related to removal from the TPP can be found at <https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/educator-preparation/admission.html>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

1. A 3.0 GPA in pedagogy coursework is required for all Education majors.
2. A 2.5 GPA in content coursework is required for all middle school, secondary, and K-12 programs except Exceptional Child K-12, Music K-12 and Social Studies 9-12, which require a 3.0 GPA in content coursework.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of Southeast's Teacher Preparation Program an individual is eligible to be recommended for a Missouri Teaching Certificate if the student has the following:

1. A final 3.0 GPA in pedagogy coursework is required for all Education majors. A final 2.5 GPA in content coursework is required for all middle school, secondary, and K-12 programs (excluding Exceptional Child K-12).
2. A passing score on the appropriate licensure exam(s) as required by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
3. A passing score on the Teacher Candidate Instrument of the Missouri Educator Evaluation System;
4. MSHP/FBI background clearance from no earlier than one year prior to the date of the application for certification.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Regardless of printed program requirements, any changes or additions mandated by the State of Missouri will become effective on the date cited by the regulations. Students transferring into education programs should be aware of the need to be eligible for admission to the teacher preparation program immediately upon transfer. They should contact the Candidate Status and Certification Officer well in advance of the time of transfer.

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