The Elementary Education program of study prepares future teachers to work with students in elementary school settings. Elementary Education students have the opportunity to participate in Tomorrow’s Teachers Learning Community, where they take courses and live in a residential hall with other Elementary Education majors. Students also receive support in preparation for the Missouri General Education Assessment, which is required for admission to the Educator Preparation Program. We also provide our future educators the tools to learn to use and integrate instructional technology across our curriculum. Join our EDvolution of future educators!

**Becoming Career Ready...**

- Students will be certified to teach grades 1 – 6 upon successful completion of this program and licensure exams.
- Students integrate technology into the curriculum with the EDvolution one-to-one instructional technology program.
- Students have the opportunity for student teaching abroad, including our partnership with Eagles College in Iquique, Chile.
- Elementary Education majors have the opportunity to choose elective courses in areas of interest, such as autism, working with English language learners, special education or working with families.
- BS Ed. students have opportunities for leadership in numerous student organizations.
- Full-time faculty with experience in the classroom are the primary instructors of the curriculum for elementary education majors.
- The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in both the area of content expertise and pedagogy courses. In addition, students must pass the MO Content Exam and the MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.
- 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. Elementary Education students experience this through multiple field experiences in local classrooms. In addition, there are student teaching opportunities abroad.
- The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**Education Outlook**

- Elementary Education was the highest teacher shortage area in MO in 2019-2020.
- Students secure teaching positions across the state of Missouri, in surrounding states, and beyond.
- Elementary Education graduates find jobs as first – sixth grade teachers in public or private schools.
- First year teachers report feeling well prepared by Southeast Missouri State University on our annual survey of first-year teachers.
- Principals also report elementary education graduates are well-prepared as beginning teachers.

**Admission Requirements**

- 42 credit hours completed
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- One of the following: 1) Composite/Superior score of 20 or higher on the ACT exam; 2) Passing scores on all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA); or 3) A 4-year degree from an accredited college/university
- The following course requirements met:
  - A grade of C or above in CF/PY120 The Child.
  - A grade of B or above in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession.

**Field and Clinical Experiences**

Early – explore the role of educators before you commit to the degree

Mid-level – elementary education majors do three mid-level field experiences in a variety of grade levels in elementary school settings

Student Teaching – semester long, co-teaching capstone experience in an elementary classroom

**Graduation Requirements**

- GPA: 2.75 cumulative, 3.0 professional education
- Pass the following Missouri Content Assessments: 007 (English Language Arts subtest), 008 (Mathematics subtest), 009 (Science subtest), and 010 (Social Studies subtest).
- Complete all required course work and field experiences

**Special Options with Elementary Education**

This program of study is also available at the Regional Campuses (Kennett and Sikeston) and the Poplar Bluff Delivery Site. Southeast offers a Master of Arts in Elementary Education.
Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 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.

- BS 118 Intro Process Science Elem Teachers (1)
- CF 233 Creative Thought & Expression in Children (3)
- **ED 280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)**
- ED 506 Education Law and Society (3)
- ED 400 Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- EL 274 Diversity in American Schools (3)
- EL 300 Assistive and Instructional Technology in a Universally Designed Learning Environment (3)
- EL 310 Pedagogy – Elementary Instructional Strategies / Models (3)
- EL 314 Literacy Field Experience (3)
- EL 316 Emergent and Early Literacy Instruction (3)
- EL 317 Elementary and Middle School Literacy Instruction (3)
- EL 340 Classroom Management (3)
- EL 350 Content Field Experience (3)
- EL 354 Meeting the Needs of Struggling Readers (3)
- EL 355 Literacy in the Content Area (3)
- EL 360 Integrated Math, Science, Social Sciences, Health Instruction (3)
- EL 410 Differentiated Instruction (3)
- EL 420 Assessment & Data Analysis (3)
- EL 430 Advanced Field Experience (3)
- EL 480 Elementary Education Student Teaching (12)
- EN 140 Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- EX 380 Psychology of the Exceptional Child (3)
- UI 243 Children’s Literature (3)
- MA 128 Numbers and Operations for Educators (4)*
- MA 228 Geometry & Measurements for Educators (4)

**PY/CF 120 The Child: Development from Conception to Adolescence (3)**

**Additional Requirements:**

(These courses may also meet General Education requirements)

- BS 218 Biological Science: A Process Approach (3)
- EC 101 Economic Problems & Policies (3)
- EN 100 English Composition I (3)
- PH 218 Physical Science: A Process Approach (3)
- PS 103 U.S. Political Systems (3)
- SC 105 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
- UI 308 Physical/Cultural Landscapes of the World (3)
- US 105 American History I (3)

**Approved electives – 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.

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

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 2 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

**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.

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**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

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Milestone: Passing score MO Content Exams and MEEES; 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA 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 upper division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.