



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.

Teach 2nd through 6th grade.

Make a difference. Become an Elementary Teacher.

THE PROGRAM

You will gain the professional knowledge and skills necessary to be a highly effective teacher in grades 2-6. Your studies will focus on engaging children in inquiry-based lessons, developing elementary curriculum, and using student data to inform instruction. You will have experiences in authentic elementary classroom settings, where you will work side-by-side with award-winning professors and experienced classroom teachers. You will learn innovative teaching methods through these guided experiences in diverse elementary school settings.

State reciprocity and our national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master's degree programs during their first years of teaching.

EMBEDDED COURSES

In addition to your many field experiences and internships, you will benefit from embedded methods courses that meet in local elementary schools, are co-led by university-based education faculty and school-based teachers. These embedded courses are a focal point for the program and provide opportunities for you to immediately put into practice in a real elementary classroom setting the instructional strategies you learn.

ACCREDITATION

All educator preparation programs at the University of South Carolina are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).



2024-2025

TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.

FRESHMAN

Fall

Reading and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
United States History
Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring

Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
Rhetoric and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
American National Government
Biology

SOPHOMORE

Fall

Learners and the Diversity of Learning
Schools in Communities
Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching I: PK-8
Earth Science or Physical Science
Elective

Spring

Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for the Elementary Classroom*
Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching II: PK-8
Geography
Additional required Carolina Core Course
Elective

South Carolina Teacher Loan

South Carolina residents might be eligible for the South Carolina Teacher Loan. Visit www.scstudentloan.org for more information.

JUNIOR

Fall

Nature and Management of Elementary Classrooms*
Introduction to Classroom Assessment
Introduction to Exceptional Children
Art or Music for Children and Schools
Children's Literature

Spring

Elementary Mathematics Instruction*
Introductory Elementary Internship*
Elementary Literacy Instruction*
Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher*

SENIOR

Fall

Elementary Science Instruction*
Elementary Social Studies Instruction
Reading Assessment*
Internship in Environments, Planning, and Motivation for Teaching and Learning*

Spring

Seminar on Teaching
Internship in Elementary Education*

*Indicates courses with experiences in a school setting.



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