

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (MEd)

Program Overview

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) program in elementary education is designed for teachers who hold a T-4 teaching certificate in elementary education. It provides advanced professional and pedagogical studies that develop expertise in the knowledge, skills, and habits of accomplished teachers.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the M.Ed. program, the candidate may apply to upgrade teacher certification to the T-5 level.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 1 Professional Core		
ELEM 6156	Theories, Concepts, and Applications of Child Development	3
EDUF 6116	Educational Research Methods	3
Area 1 Total		6
Area 2 Concentration		
ELEM 6145	Elementary Social Studies Education	3
ELEM 6155	Elementary Education in a Contemporary Society	3
ELEM 6166	Assessment Methodologies, Instruments, and Procedures in Elementary Education	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
ELEM 6125	Developing Mathematical Thinking in the Elementary Classroom (3 hrs)	
EDMA 6235	Applications in Arithmetic and Algebra for K-5 Teachers (4 hrs) *	
Select one of the following:		3
ELEM 6115	Elementary Literacy Education	
ELEM 6116	Writing and the Young Child	
EDRG 6244	Literacy Curriculum and Instruction in Today's P-12 Schools **	
Select one of the following:		3-4
ELEM 6135	Developing Scientific Thinking in Young Children (3 hrs)	
EDUC 6231	Integrated Curricular Design and Equity-Focused P-12 STEM Education (4 hrs) ***	
Area 2 Total		18-20
Area 3 Electives		
Select 6-8 semester hours of advisor approved courses in elementary 6-8 education or related field studies.		
ELEM 6159	Imagination, Curiosity, & Creativity in Teaching and Learning (3 hrs)	
ELEM 6165	Partnerships with Parents and Guardians of Young Children (3 hrs)	

EDMA 6236	Applications in Geometry and Measurement for K-5 Teachers (3 hrs)	
EDMA 6237	Applications in Data Analysis and Probability for K-5 Teachers (4 hrs) *	
EDRG 6245	Literacy Assessment and Effective Curriculum and Instruction (3 hrs) **	
EDRG 6148	Psychology of Reading: Understanding Readers and the Reading Process (3 hrs) **	
EDUC 6232	Technology & Application with Problem Based Learning in P-12 STEM Classrooms (4 hrs) ***	
EDUC 6233	Community-Based P-12 STEM Education (4 hrs) ***	
Advisor approved Special Education course		
Area 3 Total		6-8
Area 4 Other Requirements		
EDUF 6000	M.Ed. Exit Examination	0
Area 4 Total		0
Total Credit Hours		30-34

A teacher endorsement is an add-on statement that appears on teacher certification. An endorsement qualifies you to teach in a specialized area which adds value to a teaching career. Endorsement courses may be applied as electives in this program if you want to complete an endorsement with the MEd degree.

* Denotes classes required for Math Endorsement (33 hours required)

** Denotes classes required for Reading Endorsement (30 hours required)

*** Denotes classes required for STEM Endorsement (33 hours required)

Note: See advisor for information about all endorsements.

Admission Requirements

- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 (regular admission) or 2.50 (provisional admission) on all undergraduate work at an accredited United States institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree
- A Level Four (4) or a bachelor's level teaching certificate or eligibility for such certificate in elementary education.
- The successful applicant must not have a criminal record or discharge from the armed services that would prevent recommendation for related teacher certifications

Additional Program Requirements

- Students must earn a 3.0 GPA calculated on all graduate work attempted. "Academic Forgiveness" policy does not apply to graduate studies
- Students cannot graduate with a grade of "C" in more than two (2) graduate courses
- Courses earned with grades of "D" may not be used toward a graduate degree or certificate, but will be calculated in the overall grade point average.
- A minimum of 24 hours of the hours required for the degree must be earned in residence (75%). Asynchronous (online) and distance learning courses administered through Columbus State University constitute courses taken in residence

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- A maximum of six (6) semester hours of transfer credit or courses taken at CSU prior to full admission to a masters degree program may be applied toward the degree. Courses with earned grades of "C" or below cannot be transferred. The student's advisor and the coordinator of the program in which the student is enrolled must approve any courses transferred
- All degree requirements must be completed within seven (7) years of first enrollment