

Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education



Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

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The first few school years aren't just valuable — they can help determine a child's future success. Get ready to play an important role in children's academic development with our initial teacher licensure Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education.

You won't be in this alone. Our program support specialist can help you navigate teacher licensure and credentialing requirements. We'll also help you with school placements for your clinical experience and clinical practice through our close partnerships with hundreds of school districts nationwide.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Teaching
- Professionalism
- Learning Strategies
- Leadership
- Innovation

Projected job growth:

7%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education?

This BS in Education can prepare you to be an:

- Elementary education teacher
- Kindergarten teacher

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to be as fast as average between 2020 and 2030.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

120

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education program. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits.

19 Core Courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a classroom setting.

- GEN/201: Foundations for University Success
- EDU/300: Orientation to Teacher Education
- EDU/301: Foundations of Education
- EDU/305: Child Development
- EDU/311: Models and Theories of Instruction
- EDU/315: Legal & Ethical Issues in Education
- EDU/390: Elementary Education Seminar
- EDU/321: Classroom Management
- EED/400: Assessment in Elementary Education
- SPE/300: Orientation to the Exceptional Child
- SEI/300: Structured English Immersion
- RDG/350: Children's Literature
- RDG/420: Elementary Methods - Reading/Language Arts
- EED/416: Elementary Methods: Mathematics
- EED/420: Elementary Methods - Science
- EED/425: Elementary Methods-Health/PE
- EED/430: Elementary Methods - Social Studies
- EED/435: Elementary Methods - Fine Arts
- RDG/415: Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties
- SEI/301: Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods

18 General Education Courses

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in this field — they're useful in daily life.

- HUM/115: Critical Thinking in Everyday Life
- ENG/110: English Composition I
- ENG/210: English Composition II
- ETH/120: Cultural Diversity in the United States
- SCI/220T: Human Nutrition
- POL/215: State and Local Political Processes
- HIS/210: AZ Constitution
- ARTS/100: Introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts
- SOC/100: Introduction to Sociology
- SCI/256: People, Science and the Environment
- REL/134: World Religious Traditions II
- ENG/240: Introduction to Creative Writing
- PSY/205T: Life Span Human Development
- MTH/215T: Quantitative Reasoning I
- MTH/216T: Quantitative Reasoning II
- SCI/163T: Elements of Health and Wellness
- COMM/110: Introduction to Oral Communication
- MTH/213: Mathematics for Elementary Educators I
- MTH/214: Mathematics for Elementary Educators II
- HIS/301: United States Constitution

1 Elective Course

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you're interested in. That means you'll have a degree that's unique to you and your education goals.

- FP/100T: Everyday Economics and Finances

1-2 Clinical Practice/Student Teaching Courses

During your clinical practice experience — one of the final steps to complete your degree — you'll complete a rigorous student teaching experience where you will apply your instruction and classroom management skills full time. Working under the supervision of a teacher and a University of Phoenix faculty advisor, you'll develop lesson plans, teach, work with diverse student populations and incorporate technology into the classroom.

COE Central

College of Education students will find many helpful resources on [COE Central](#). Program handbooks provide a wealth of information on topics such as professional expectations, clinical experiences, clinical practice, internships, edTPA and much more. Milestone roadmaps, technology and multimedia resources, and various toolkits are also available.

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your classes.

Plus, you'll find plenty of support from our dedicated program support specialists who partner with you during your 100 required hours of clinical experience (or more if required by your state) and clinical practice. Our program support specialists also help you navigate the world of state licensure requirements, special education teacher certification and any questions or obstacles you encounter along the way.

What you'll learn

When you earn your Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

You'll learn how to:

- Design and implement effective instruction in the elementary classroom to produce a positive impact on student learning.
- Evaluate effective professional practice in elementary education.
- Apply professional ethics to their instructional practices in elementary education.
- Evaluate learning principles to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of diverse elementary student populations.
- Create innovative strategies to incorporate technology in an elementary classroom setting.

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students who graduate from the College of Education should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education degree, you should be able to perform these [learning outcomes](#).

Program Purpose Statement

The Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education is an undergraduate degree program intended to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The program is designed for students who want to become elementary school teachers and includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and student teaching above and beyond program coursework. Requirements for licensure vary by state. [See your state's requirements](#). There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a teacher with any local, state or federal entity.

The following programs provide the academic preparation to sit for initial teacher certification exams in select states: BSEd/E, BSEd/ECH, MAEd/TED-E, MAEd/TED-S, MAEd/SPE, CERT/AP-E, CERT/AP-S, and CERT/AP-SE.

Educator/Principal licensure requirements vary by state. Candidates located in a state that does not provide a direct path to licensure will be required to obtain Arizona certification first, prior to seeking licensure in their home state as an out-of-state prepared teacher/principal candidate. Arizona certification requires candidates to pass all Arizona-specific licensure requirements, including any Arizona-specific exams (or home state equivalents if recognized by Arizona Department of Education.) After obtaining an Arizona teacher/principal certificate, candidates can then apply for licensure in their home state and may be required to complete additional testing and/or requirements at additional cost. Program requirements may change based upon your home state's agency licensure requirements. Please visit the teacher licensure page <https://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/teacher-licensure/state-requirements.html> or the principal licensure page <https://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/principal-licensure.html> for state specific requirements prior to reaching out to your state agency.