

Degree Path: B.A. in Elementary Education

College of Business and Education

Freshman Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113 Composition & Rhetoric I ∞
BIO 1113 Biological Science ∞
BIO 1111 Biology Lab ∞
MTH 1123 College Algebra ∞
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours
COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech ∞
ENG 1123 Composition & Rhetoric II ∞
(prereq: ENG 1113)
GOV 2213 National and State Government ∞
EDU 2253 Foundations of Education ∞
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester 18 hours
ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature ∞
(prereq: ENG 1123)
HIS 1113 American History I ∞
PHY 1113 Physical Science ∞
HUM 1133 Introduction to Fine Arts ◇
RDG 3413 Foundations of Literacy Instruction ◇
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 18 hours
HIS 1123 American History II ◇
EDP 3413 Instructional Technology ◇
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology ∞
RDG 3423 Reading & Writing Across the Curr. ◇
EDP 3323 Research, Theory, & Practice for ELLs ∞
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
RDG 3433 Literacy Assessment and Inst. ◇
EDP 4313 Social Studies Curriculum/Inst ◇
EDP 3453 Systems of Language for Lit Inst ◇
EDP 3423 Classroom Management ∞
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 16 hours
EDP 4123 Teaching Science in Elementary ◇
EDP 4153 Elementary Math Concepts ◇
EDU 4173 Curriculum Dev and Assessment I ◇
EDP 4111 Educator Assessment ∞
EDP 3463 Teaching Language Arts and Lit ◇
BIB/REL/THE (Bible Core option) ∞

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
EDP 4163 Methods in Teaching Elem Math ◇
EDP 3433 Classroom Inst and Assess for ELLs ◇
(prereq: EDP 3323)
EDU 4563 Special Issues and Populations ∞
EDU 4183 Curriculum Dev and Assessment II ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option)
(Course selection approval required)

Spring Semester 12 hours
RDG 4513 Content and Disciplinary Literacy ∞
EDU 4969 Clinical Teaching Elementary ∞

Please Note:

- *This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.*
- *You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.*
- **Course Offering Codes:**
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed



Your Program Coordinator:
Dr. Paula Manley
Professor of Teacher Education
pmanley@nelson.edu



Degree Path: B.A. in Elementary Education

College of Business and Education

OVERVIEW

The BA in Elementary Education is designed to prepare students to teach in the elementary classroom in a variety of settings including public, charter, and private schools. It is also designed to create a pathway to Texas State Educator Certification. Students in the Elementary Education degree program take courses designed to develop content proficiency in all areas taught by elementary teachers, including Language Arts, Science of Teaching Reading, Science, Social Studies, Math, and Fine Arts. The program includes extensive field experience in classrooms representing varied settings as well as a clinical teaching experience during the final semester.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Elementary Education program who have completed all program and certification requirements are qualified and certified to teach all grade levels ranging from early childhood preschool programs through sixth grade. Additionally, graduates have additional training in the science of teaching reading and teaching English language learners.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Elementary Education degree is part of the Teacher Education Program. Upon completing 60 hours of credit, students must apply to be admitted to the Teacher Education program. Program requirements are detailed in the academic catalog. Some courses in the degree plan require program approval prior to enrollment. These courses include:

- EDU 4173 Cur. Dev. & Assessment I
- EDU 4183 Cur. Dev. & Assessment II
- EDU 4563 Special Issues and Populations
- EDU 4969 Clinical Teaching

One of the highlights of our program is the opportunity for students to engage in the local school communities by completing field experience. Students visit and participate with assigned classrooms at varied grade levels and subjects in area school districts. Courses within this degree that require field experience include:

- EDU 2253 Foundations of Education
- EDU 4173 Cur. Dev. & Assessment I
- EDU 4183 Cur. Dev. & Assessment II
- EDU 4563 Special Issues and Populations
- RDG 3413 Foundations of Lit. Instruction
- RDG 3423 Reading & Writing Across Cur.
- RDG 3433 Lit. Assessment and Instruction

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 60 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- ☐ COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ☐ ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ☐ ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ☐ ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
- ☐ GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 12 hours

- ☐ GOV 2213 National and State Government
- ☐ HIS 1113 American History I
- ☐ HIS 1123 American History II
- ☐ PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 10 hours

- ☐ BIO 1113 Biological Science
- ☐ PHY 1113 Physical Science
- ☐ 1 hour from the following:
 - BIO 1111 Introductory Biology Lab **OR**
 - PHY 1111 Introduction to Physical Science Lab
- ☐ MTH 1123 College Algebra

Humanities/Fine Arts: 3 hours

- ☐ HUM 1133 Introduction to Fine Arts

Elective Studies: 3 hours

3 hours from the following areas: Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Science, or Social Science

General Biblical Studies: 18 hours

- ☐ BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- ☐ BIB 2213 Bible Study
- ☐ REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- ☐ REL 1173 Introduction to Biblical Literature
- ☐ THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- ☐ THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 64 Hours

Content Concentration: 27 hours

- ☐ EDP 4123 Teaching Science in Elementary
- ☐ EDP 4153 Elementary Math Concepts
- ☐ EDP 4163 Methods in Teaching Elementary Math
- ☐ EDP 4313 Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction
- ☐ EDP 3463 Teaching Language Arts and Literature
- ☐ RDG 3413 Foundations of Literacy Instruction
- ☐ RDG 3423 Reading & Writing Across the Curriculum
- ☐ RDG 3433 Literacy Assessment and Instruction
- ☐ RDG 4513 Content & Disciplinary Literacy Instruction

Combination Area: 16 hours

- ☐ EDP 3323 Research, Theory, and Practice for ELL
- ☐ EDP 3413 Instructional Technology
- ☐ EDP 3423 Classroom Management
- ☐ EDP 3433 Classroom Instruction & Assessment ELL
- ☐ EDP 3453 Systems of Language for Lit Development
- ☐ EDP 4111 Educator Assessments

Professional Development: 21 hours

- ☐ EDU 2253 Foundations of Education
- ☐ EDU 4173 Curriculum Development & Assessment I
- ☐ EDU 4183 Curriculum Development & Assessment II
- ☐ EDU 4563 Special Issues and Populations
- ☐ EDU 4969 Clinical Teaching Elementary

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 124 Hours

