

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR

The elementary education major prepares qualified candidates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to teach elementary students (grades 1-6), and to evidence Christian values in their personal and professional practice while respecting the exercise of individual moral decisions. Candidates who successfully complete the major are eligible to receive an Illinois Professional Educator License for grades 1-6.

## Program Outcomes:

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education will:

- display thorough content knowledge to teach in their respective fields.
- be able to plan, deliver, and assess effective instructional experiences that align with learning standards, educational theory, and knowledge of student development
- exhibit appropriate professional dispositions that reflect the personal, professional, and practical components of teaching
- evidence Christian values in their personal and professional practice, while respecting the exercise of individual moral decisions
- address the differing needs of a diverse student population with professional competence, respect, and fairness

## Additional Licensure Requirements

Candidates must pass the appropriate content area test(s), the teacher performance assessment (edTPA), and all required licensure tests in order to complete their program. Candidates are required to comply with all state requirements that are in place at the time of application for licensure. Consult the Division of Education for specific information.

## Optional Additional Endorsement

A candidate may earn the Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1) endorsement (an addition to the teaching license) by completing ED 330, ED 352, ED 353, and ED 354, and passing the appropriate Illinois Licensure Testing System exam. Earning this additional endorsement may be a good investment of elective credit hours for interested candidates, since LBS1 is currently a teaching shortage area throughout the state of Illinois.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Courses</b>		
ED 101	Introduction to Teaching	1
ED 103	Professional Skills for Teachers	1
ED 124	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education	3
ED 260X	Educational Psychology/Human Development	3
ED 309	Foundations of Teaching English as a Second Language	3
ED 310	General Teaching Methods	2
ED 311	General Teaching Methods Pre-Clinical Experience	1
ED 312	Literacy Methods for Emerging Readers	3
ED 322	Literacy Methods for Upper Elementary Grades	3
ED 330	Introduction to Special Education	3
ED 342	Methods of Teaching Science, Health, and Social Science <sup>1</sup>	3
ED 345	Methods of Teaching Mathematics	3
ED 356	Integrating Specials into the Elementary Curriculum	1
ED 350	Integrated Pre-Clinical Experience	2
ED 380	Diversity in Education	1
ED 381	Diversity Pre-clinical Experience	1
ED 401	Clinical Practice in the Elementary School	12
ED 421	Classroom Management	1
ED 422	Advanced Seminar in Education	2
ED 430	Educational Research and Assessment	2
ENG 323	Children's and Adolescent Literature	3

## Required Courses for Licensure

In order to meet state licensure requirements, including broad content preparation in the multiple areas of elementary teaching, students must develop content knowledge in a range of subjects. Generally this can be accomplished through the general education courses though some courses beyond the required general education will be required. To meet state licensure requirements, and be recommended by Trinity for licensure, all elementary education candidates will need to have studied (evidenced by transcript) the following areas:

ART 121	Art Appreciation (or) <sup>2</sup>
	or ART 233 Comparative Arts
	or MUH 101 Music Appreciation
BIO 103	Introductory Biology <sup>2</sup>
BUS 103	Introduction to Economics <sup>2</sup>
	or BUS 201 Microeconomics
ENG 105	English Composition <sup>2</sup>
ENG 106	Critical Thinking and Composition <sup>2</sup>
GEO 100	World Geography <sup>2</sup>
HI 121	United States History Through the Civil War <sup>2</sup>
	or HI 122 United States History Since the Civil War
HPW 180	Introduction to Health and Wellness <sup>2</sup>
HUM 200	The Western Heritage I: From Antiquity to the Reformation
	or HUM 210 The Western Heritage II: From the Scientific Revolution to the Twentieth Century

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or HUM 220 Literary Classics of the Western World

MA 117 Mathematics in the Modern World<sup>2</sup>

MA 120 College Algebra and Trigonometry<sup>2</sup>

POL 250 American Government<sup>2</sup>

PS 110 Introduction to the Physical World

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**Total Hours** **54**

<sup>1</sup> All candidates must pass a competency test in Illinois history or meet the competency requirement through transfer of an appropriate course prior to taking ED 342.

<sup>2</sup> May be used to fulfill a general education requirement.