

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (527)

Program Coordinator

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The elementary education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree and the Kentucky Elementary Certificate (P-5). The program requires completion of a Colonnade component, related studies component, and professional education component. While students follow university guidelines in completing the Colonnade component, a speech course and biological science course with laboratory are specifically included within this 44 semester hour requirement.

Program Requirements (82 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

Code	Title	Hours
Elementary Education Component (37 Hours)		
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	3
EDU 260	Classroom Assessment	3
EDU 350	Student Diversity and Differentiation	3
EDU 360	Behavior and Classroom Management in Education	3
ELED 345	Foundations of Elementary Teaching	3
ELED 365	Teaching Methods for Elementary Teachers	3
ELED 405	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
ELED 406	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3
ELED 407	Materials and Methods in Social Studies	3
ELED 465	Data-Driven Decision-Making in Elementary Education	3
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	2,3
ELED 490	Student Teaching	5-10
Supporting Content Courses (45 Hours)		
ENG 302	Language and Communication	3
SPED 335	Foundations of Special Education	3
LTCY 320	Foundations of Teaching Literacy in the Elementary Grades	3
LTCY 420	Literacy Methods in the Elementary Grades	3

MATH 205	Number Systems and Number Theory for Teachers	3
MATH 206	Fundamentals of Geometry for Teachers	3
MATH 308	Rational Numbers and Data Analysis for Teachers	3
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning	3
Choose two of the following:		6
ART 310	Art Education in the Elementary School	
MUS 314	Comprehensive Arts Education for the Elementary Teacher	
PE 354	Physical Education for Elementary Schools	
Choose one of the following:		3
AGRO 110 & AGRO 111	Introduction to Plant Science and Plant Science Laboratory	
CHEM 105 & CHEM 106	Fundamentals of General Chemistry and Fundamentals of General Chemistry Laboratory	
GEOG 280	Environmental Science and Sustainability	
GEOL 112 & GEOL 114	Earth's Past and Future and Earth's Past and Future Lab	
GEOL 111 & GEOL 113	The Earth and The Earth Laboratory	
Choose one of the following:		3
GEOG 352	Geography of Kentucky	
HIST 240	The United States to 1865	
HIST 241	The United States Since 1865	
Total Hours		73-79

Within the professional education sequence, students are required to meet state requirements for field work experience in addition to coursework. This laboratory work will be in field experiences away from the main university campus.

Elementary Education candidates may receive academic advising in the School of Teacher Education, GRH 1005, 270-745-5414. Refer to the School of Teacher Education website (<http://www.wku.edu/ste> (<http://www.wku.edu/ste/>)) for additional information.

Finish in Four Plan

- Program Requirements (120 hours)
- Clinical Hour Requirements (232 hours)

First Year	Hours	Spring	Hours
Fall			
EDU 250		3 EDU 260	3
ENG 100		3 PSY 310	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 ENG 200	3
COMM 145		3 MATH 205	3
MATH 112		3 BIOL 113 & BIOL 114	4
Clinical Field Hours Required (15 hours)			

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
MUS 314, ART 310, or PE 354 (Choose one: Related Studies)		3 EDU 360	3
MUS 314, ART 310, or PE 354 (Choose one: Related Studies)		3 EDU 350	3
ENG 300		3 ENG 302	3
MATH 308		3 MATH 206	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science - NO lab		3 Colonnade: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 Clinical Field Hours Required (30 hours)	
		18	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
LTCY 320*		3 ELED 365*	3
SPED 335		3 ELED 407*	3
ELED 345		3 LTCY 420*	3
Colonnade: Connections (Local to Global) – Recommend LME 448, EDU 385/ GEOG 385 or other Advisor Approved Course		3 Colonnade: Connections (Systems)	3
GEOG 352, HIST 240, or HIST 241		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science w/Lab (Recommend GEOL 111/113, GEOL 112/114, ASTR 104)	3-4
Clinical Field Hours Required (Approx. 40 hours)		Clinical Field Hours Required (Approx. 70 hours)	
		15	15-16

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ELED 405*		3 EDU 489	3
ELED 406*		3 ELED 490 (ELED Primary Classroom)	5
ELED 465*		3 ELED 490 (ELED Intermediate Classroom)	5
Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)		3	
Clinical Field Hours Required (Approx. 77 hours)			
		12	13

Total Hours 119-120

* Must be taken with other courses with a (*) listed in the same semester as these courses are blocked together and require clinical field experiences in local schools.