

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

School of Education • Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science
- Teacher Certification: Kindergarten - Grade 9 (Type 03 certification) in the State of Illinois

Why Elementary Education?

Teachers at the elementary level teach all subject areas, and those teaching at the middle grade level teach specific subjects which require subject area endorsements.

Elementary Education at SIUE

During the first year at SIUE, students focus on general education courses to expand knowledge of the subject areas they will be teaching. During the second year, students begin studying professional education courses to develop a broad understanding of children, the field of education and life in schools. The program begins each fall for students with junior or higher status and comprises four semesters (two academic years) of course work and public school-based experiences at multiple grade levels. In the program, students spend at least 50 percent of course time working in public schools prior to full-time student teaching. This extensive field experience, combined with a closely supervised cohort system to support students, enables them to develop expertise in creating classroom environments in which children and young adolescents can learn and thrive.

Career Outlook

Graduates of the elementary education program may work in school settings from kindergarten through eighth grade (teaching in ninth grade on this certificate requires an additional endorsement). Some graduates apply their knowledge of teaching and learning in educational settings outside of formal schools (museums, businesses, etc.).

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the elementary education program, students must:

- Complete 42 semester hours of courses. No more than 10 non-partnership program classes remaining at the end of the summer term prior to admission to the program. Child psychology must be completed by the end of the summer term with a “C” or higher.
- Obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from all post-high school colleges and be in “good standing” status at SIUE.
- Pass the Illinois Certification Testing System – Test of Academic Proficiency (formerly Basic Skills Test) (icts.nesinc.com).
- Pass CI 200, Introduction to Education (or equivalent) with a “C” or better.
- Complete the five skills courses with a “C” or better.
- Apply to the elementary education program on or before the published deadline.
- Successfully pass a criminal background check.

Note: Meeting minimum requirements for admission to elementary education does not guarantee acceptance. There may be more applicants than openings.

Application Deadline

Students should contact an elementary education advisor for admission requirements and deadlines. The elementary education program begins in the fall semester, and applications are accepted in the spring semester. During the first semester of current course work, students should start a file in the School of Education’s undergraduate advising office (OCECA).



Faculty

Ralph A. Cordova, Ph.D.

2004, University of California - Riverside

Liza Cummings, Ph.D.

2011, University of Missouri - Columbia

Jessica Krim, Ed.D.

2009, Montana State University

Stephen M. Marlette, Ph.D.

2002, Kansas State University

Stephanie L. McAndrews, Ph.D.

1998, University of Arizona

Barbara D. O’Donnell, Ed.D.

1999, University of North Dakota - Grand Forks

Caroline R. Pryor, Ed.D.

1990, Arizona State University

Gloria D. Reading, Ed.D.

1999, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

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1984, University of Missouri - Columbia

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1987, University of Missouri - Columbia

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1995, Washington University

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Sample Four-Year Curriculum

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	ENG 101 English Composition I (3) MATH 112a Math for Elementary Teachers: Number Sense and Algebra (Intro NSM) (3) MUS 111 Introductory Music History/Literature (Intro FAH) (3) PHIL 106 Critical Thinking (3) PSYC 111 Foundation of Psychology (Intro SS) (3) SPC 103 Interpersonal Communication Skills (IGR) (3) Total hours 18	CMIS 108 Computer Concepts (3) Introductory Natural Sciences+ (3) ENG 102 English Composition II (3) HIST 200 U.S. History: Constitution to 1877 (3) MATH 112b Math for Elementary Teachers: Probability, Statistics and Geometry (Dist NSM) (3) CI 200 Introduction to Education (2) Total hours 17 TAKE ICTS TEST OF ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY Note: During the first semester of course work, start a file in the School of Education advisement office (OCECA).
YEAR 2	GEOG 111 Introduction to Geography (Intro SS, IC) (3) HED 201 Healthful Living (3) HIST 201 US History:1877 - Present (3) PSYC 201 Child Psychology (Dist SS)* (3) Academic Emphasis Area (3) (see advisor) Total hours 15	ENG Literature (Dist FAH) (3) SCI 241a Foundations of Science I + (3) Academic Emphasis Area (see advisor) (3) Academic Emphasis Area (300-400 level) (3) Academic Emphasis Area (300-400 level) (3) Professional Education Course (3)# Total hours 18
YEAR 3	Partnership Program Courses** (7) Professional Education Course* (6) # Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) Total hours 16 TAKE CONTENT AREA TEST	Partnership Program Courses** (7) Professional Education Courses** (9) # SCI 241b Foundations of Science + (3) Total hours 19
YEAR 4	Partnership Program Course (10) Academic Emphasis Area (3) Total hours 13	Partnership Program Courses** (12) Total hours 12 (Full-Time Student Teaching Semester) TAKE APT TEST

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer

* PSYC 111 is a prerequisite for PSYC 201; PSYC 201 must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to be eligible for the Partnership Program. # PProfessional Ed courses: CI 200, EPFR 315, EPFR 320, SPE 400 + One science course must include a lab; SCI 241a or b meets the lab requirement. *Professional education courses for declared Elementary Education majors only. Only Education advisors will advise and enroll students in these courses. ** Partnership Program courses are for Elementary Education majors accepted into the Partnership Program. Students will be enrolled in these courses as a block by Education advisors. The Partnership Program begins in the fall only. Students can submit an application to the Partnership Program even if they are in process of completing requirements. Applying to the Partnership Program is a separate application process from applying to SIUE or declaring a major. Admittance to SIUE or declaring an Elementary Education major does not guarantee acceptance into the Partnership Program.

All courses listed above must be passed with a "C" or higher for certification requirements.

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to complete a senior assignment. Successful completion of an appropriate student teaching placement is the culmination of the student's professional preparation program.

Curriculum and Instruction Programs at SIUE

Undergraduate Programs

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education

Graduate Programs

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Literacy Education
- Secondary Education
- Master of Arts in Teaching

Academic Advising Information

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