



Undergraduate Elementary Education Program

with Collaborative Special Education Certification

■ About Our Program

The Elementary Education Program with Collaborative Special Education certification is for those who wish to teach at the elementary level (grades K-6). Completion of the program leads to a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Class B certification in the state of Alabama (a requirement for teaching in public schools) with additional certification to teach children who have cognitive, behavioral, physical, and/or multiple disabilities. This endorsement is only available to students in the Elementary Education Program.

After completing 50 hours of general education courses, students will apply to become teacher candidates in the Teacher Education Program (TEP). Specific admission criteria are below.

■ Admission Requirements

Before TEP Admission:

- 50 hours of college credit (40 from General Studies)
- Minimum 2.75 GPA on all work attempted in each of the following areas: professional studies, teaching field, and overall
- Completion of ED 401 with a grade of "C" or better
- Completion of COMS 101 with a grade of "C" or better
- Completion of ENG 101 and 102 with a grade of "C" or better
- Passing score on Teacher Education Program Interview
- Minimum grade of "C" on all general studies courses
- Passing score on the Basic Skills test
- Fingerprint background clearance from ALSDE

Before Literacy Block:

- Admission to TEP
- Successful completion of Pre-Professional Block

Before Content Block:

- Successful completion of SPED 415
- 2.75 GPA in the Literacy Block
- Successful completion of Literacy Block expectations
- Successful completion of math, science and social sciences general studies courses (recommended)

Before Internship:

- Passing score on all related PRAXIS II exams
- Achievement of eligibility for internship
- 2.75 GPA on all program coursework completed
- Negative results of TB screening
- Successful completion of Content Block expectations
- Successful completion of all professional studies and teaching field coursework.

■ Completion Requirements

In addition to meeting the above requirements, students must complete an electronic portfolio. Other departmental requirements may exist. Please check with your advisor.

■ Course Overview

Prior to Teacher Education Program Admission

- General Education Courses
- Pre-Professional Block
 - ED 401: Introduction to Teaching (1)
 - EDF 330: Educational Psychology (3)
 - EDF 375: School & Society (3)
 - ED 410: Teaching of Reading (3)
(50 hours of school-based field experience)
- ENG 310: Literature for Children (3)
- FCS 391: Child Development (3)
- SPED 408: Exceptional Learners (3)
(15 hours of school-based field experience)
- KNES 480: Workshop in Health, Safety, and Physical Activity for the Elementary School Teacher (1)
- MUS 255: School Music for the Elem Teacher (3)

Following Teacher Education Program Admission

- SPED 415: Instructional Methods in the Inclusive Elementary Classroom (3)
(20 hours of school-based field experience)
- Literacy Block
 - ED 411: Teaching of Reading II (3)
 - ED 446: Methods & Materials for Teaching Language Arts (3)
 - ED 481: Organization and Methods for Elementary Education (3) (pre- or co-requisite to literacy block)
(80 hours of school-based field experience)
- Content Block
 - ED 444: Methods & Materials for Teaching Social Studies (3)
 - ED 445: Methods & Materials for Teaching Mathematics (3)
 - ED 448: Methods & Materials for Teaching Science (3)
 - ED 447: Instructional Technology (3)
(100 hours of school-based field experience)
- EDF 461: Evaluation in Elementary Education (3)
- Collaborative Courses:
 - SPED 416: Behavior Management in the Classroom (3)
 - SPED 440: Practicum in Special Education (3) (Pre-requisite SPED 408)
 - SPED 462: Assessment of Special Education (3)

Following Completion of all Required Courses

- EDI 460: Internship in Elementary Education (12)
(16 weeks of field experience in schools)

■ For Additional Information

If you would like to learn more about earning a degree in this program, please contact us.

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