2026-27 Academic Year

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Field endorsement to teach K-6

Become an elementary teacher or middle school teacher with the Elementary Education degree from Wayne State College. Teaching is a rewarding career, and the Elementary Education K-6 endorsement covers the widest variety of ages. This track will focus you on kindergarten-aged children up through the junior high level. With a long-standing, excellent reputation for our education programs, Wayne State is the perfect place to get your Elementary Education degree.

If you choose the Elementary Education (K-12) field endorsement, you are not required to choose any other endorsements to receive your B.A. or B.S.

fast facts

Credit hours: 73 or 95 (with optional math concentration)

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: Coaching, Early Childhood Education, ESL Education, Middle Level Education, Reading and Writing, Special Education Generalist

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Teaching and instruction methods
- Social, emotional, and behavioral development in children
- Classroom management and organization
- Practices for children with exceptionalities
- Diverse family systems and parent relationships
- Consulting and collaborating
- Monitoring and assessment
- Leadership and supervision

Possible Careers

- Preschool teacher
- Preschool director
- Elementary school teacher
- Special education teacher
- Learning coach
- After-school program manager
- Youth worker
- In-home tutor
- Guidance counselor
- Educational consultant

Types of Employers

- Preschools
- Public schools
- Private schools
- Community programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Child development services
- Education / learning facilities
- Instructional software companies
- Government programs
- Youth programs

outside the classroom

Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

Activities / Opportunities

- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Peer tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

Clubs / Organizations

- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Student Council for Exceptional Children

Courses and outcomes

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

For CAT 1, take ENG 102 Composition Skills. For CAT 2, take CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication. For CAT 3, take MAT 210 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I.

Elementary Education Content Courses

ART 315 Art and Creative Process in Education 2
EDU 216 Children's Literature 3
EDU 217 Diverse Family Systems 2
EDU 318 Professional Communication 3
EDU 320 Instructional Media and Technology 2
EDU 331 Development of Physical Education and Health in the Elementary School 3
EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School 3
EDU 340 Early Reading 3
EDU 341 Intermediate Reading 3
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle School 3
EDU 430 Literacy Assessment 3
EDU 431 Development of Science in the Elementary and Middle School 3
EDU 432 Development of Mathematics in the Elementary and Middle School 3
MAT 215 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II 3
MUS 214 Music and Creative Process in Education 2

Professional Education Courses

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education 3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy 0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition 3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design 3
EDU 302 Curriculum, Standards, and Assessment in Elementary School 3
EDU 335 Practicum Experience I 1
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education 3
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning K-6 3
EDU 435 Practicum Experience II 1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice 0
EDU 452 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Elementary School 12

Mathematics Concentration Courses for Elementary Teachers (optional courses)

A mathematics concentration for elementary teachers provides content background for being a mathematics specialist in elementary education.

MAT 130 Precalculus 5
MAT 140 Calculus I 5
MAT 210 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I 3
MAT 215 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II 3
MAT electives numbered 180 or above 6

Student learning outcomes

Elementary education

1. Utilize evidence-based inclusive practices to develop meaningful learning experiences for students in elementary school settings (K-6)

Education programs

Teacher candidates who successfully complete an education preparation program at Wayne State will be able to:

1. Create environments that support individual and collaborative learning using knowledge of how students grow and develop, along with individual differences and diverse cultures. (InTASC Standards 1-3)
2. Plan for instruction by applying content knowledge, a variety of instructional strategies, and multiple methods of assessment to connect concepts for learners in real-world applications. (InTASC Standards 4-8)
3. Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to reflect on and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner. (InTASC Standard 9)
4. Seek leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with stakeholders, and to advance the profession. (InTASC Standard 10)

education faculty

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