

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

## Paired with Early Childhood Education PK-3 Supplemental Endorsement

Get ready to be a teacher of young ages with degrees in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. You'll develop the tools and mindset you need to guide and care for children from preschool age to the third grade. With these degrees, you'll be able to teach elementary or even preschool. You'll be an excellent candidate to work in a day care or other facility that cares for young children. With a longstanding, excellent reputation for our education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to begin your career in education.

*The Early Childhood Education (PK-3) supplemental endorsement must be taken in conjunction with the Elementary Education (K-6) field endorsement.*

## fast facts

### Hours:

123 total hours for pairing

*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.*

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership

**School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Clinical practice:** One semester of student teaching required

**Other recommended pairings:** Coaching (7-12), English as a Second Language (ESL), Special Education Generalist (K-6), Reading and Writing (PK-6)

## 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



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### Activities / Opportunities

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

### Clubs / Organizations

- Early Childhood Association
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Student Council for Exceptional Children

# Sample program of study

2024-25 Academic Year

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## This is a sample program for an Elementary Education (K-6) field endorsement paired with an Early Childhood (PK-3) supplemental endorsement.

Students must complete the requirements of each level before moving forward to the next part of the program. A 33-semester hour professional education component addresses the needs of teachers in K-12. Courses in professional education will be broad-based, supportive of the school as a community of learners, and enhance the understanding of families.

### Freshman

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education.....	3
EDU 216 Children's Literature.....	3
EDU 217 Diverse Family Systems.....	2
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
FCS 120 Intro to Early Childhood.....	2
FCS 220 Infants and Toddlers (Birth - 2 years).....	3
*MAT 210 Math for Elementary Teachers I (General Studies CAT 3).....	3
General Studies CAT 4, CAT 5, and CAT 6.....	9

\*Additional math may be required for ACT scores below 19.

Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 245.

### Sophomore

ART 315 Art and Creative Processes in Education.....	2
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy (take with EDU 250 or first semester at WSC).....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
FCS 335 Pre-School Age Child (3 through 5).....	3
MAT 215 Math for Elementary Teachers II.....	3
MUS 214 Music and Creative Processes in Education.....	2
SPD 260 Characteristics: Birth through Age 8 ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	1
General Studies CAT 7, CAT 8, CAT 9, and CAT 10.....	12
Second science course.....	3

**Advancement to Level 2:** Acceptance to Educator Preparation Candidacy is required for enrollment in EDU/SPD 300-400 level courses.

### Junior

EDU 302 Curriculum, Standards, Assessment in Elementary School.....	3
EDU 303 Developmentally Appropriate Practices for the Young Child ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3
EDU 318 Professional Communications.....	3
EDU 320 Instructional Media and Technology.....	2
EDU 331 Development of Physical Education and Health in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 335 Practicum Experience I.....	1
EDU 340 Early Reading.....	3
EDU 341 Intermediate Reading.....	3
FCS 412 Guiding the Young Child.....	3
FCS 430 Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Education Programs ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3

### Senior

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 Math in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 435 Practicum Experience II.....	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (semester before clinical practice).....	0
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning K-6.....	3

### Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice

EDU 452 Clinical Practice and Seminar for Elementary School.....	12
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# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

## Paired with the Special Education Generalist (K-6) Subject Endorsement

Elementary teachers are able to teach a wide variety of young ages. But not all students learn in the same way, which is why special education teachers are also vital to schools. With the Elementary and Special Education Generalist endorsements, you'll be qualified to teach elementary students (K-6) as well as students with exceptionalities (K-6). With a longstanding, excellent reputation for our education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to begin your career in special education.

*The Elementary Education (K-6) field endorsement and the Special Education Generalist (K-6) subject endorsement are commonly paired together.*

## fast facts

### Hours:

133 total hours for pairing

*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.*

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership

**School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Clinical practice:** One semester of student teaching required

**Other recommended pairings:** Reading and Writing (PK-6), Early Childhood Education (PK-3), English as a Second Language (ESL)

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Educational provisions for exceptional learners
- Understanding special education laws
- Engaging all learners in various classroom settings
- Monitoring and assessment
- Social, emotional, and behavior development
- Consulting and collaborating
- Teaching intermediate reading
- Human development and cognition
- Teaching and instruction methods

### Possible Careers

- Elementary school teacher
- Special education teacher
- Learning coach
- After-school program manager
- Youth worker
- In-home tutor
- Behavioral specialist
- School counselor
- Educational consultant

### Types of Employers

- Elementary schools
- Community programs
- Government programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Education / learning centers
- Special education centers
- Rehabilitation centers
- Disability and behavioral health centers
- Distance-learning centers

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Students must complete the requirements of each level before moving forward to the next part of the program. Students should be aware that these endorsements can also be completed in four and a half to five years. This can be determined with your advisor.

### Freshman

CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education .....	3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
ENG 150 Topics in Literature or ENG 280 Themes and Movements in Literature (General Studies CAT 6).....	3
FCS 207 Nutrition or PED 103 Physical Health and Well-being (General Studies CAT 9).....	3
HIS 150 History of the United States for General Studies (recommended for General Studies CAT 5).....	3
*MAT 210 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (General Studies CAT 3).....	3
NAT 280 Life Science for Elementary Education (recommended for General Studies CAT 7).....	3
SPD 160 Introduction to Special Education .....	3
SPD 252 Instructional Methods for Special Education K-6 ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3

\*Additional math required if Math ACT is less than 19.

Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 245.

### Sophomore

ART 315 Art and Creative Processes in Education.....	3
ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics, GEO 120 World Regional Geography, HIS 120 World History for General Studies, or POS 110 Introduction to World Politics (General Studies CAT 10).....	3
EDU 216 Children's Literature .....	3
EDU 217 Diverse Family Systems .....	2
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy (take with EDU 250 or first semester at WSC).....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
MAT 215 Math for Elementary Teachers II.....	3
MUS 214 Music and Creative Processes in Education.....	2
POS 100 American National Government (recommended for General Studies CAT 8).....	3
SPD 255 Functional Curriculum and Instructional Methods ( <i>fall only</i> ).....	3
Second science course (recommended: NAT 281 Physical Science for Elementary Education) .....	3
General Studies CAT 4.....	3

**Advancement to Level 2:** Acceptance to Educator Preparation Candidacy is required for enrollment in EDU/SPD 300-400 level courses.

### Junior

EDU 302 Curriculum, Standards, and Assessment in the Elementary School.....	3
EDU 320 Instructional Media and Technology.....	2
EDU 331 Development of Physical Education and Health in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 332 Developing Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 335 Practicum Experience I.....	1
EDU 340 Early Reading.....	3
EDU 341 Intermediate Reading.....	3
SPD 332 Special Education Law ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3
SPD 352 Assessment, Evaluation, and the IEP K-12 ( <i>spring only</i> ).....	3
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning K-6.....	3
SPD 461 Practicum in Special Education (100-hour field experience).....	3
Approved course in SPD Professional Education core, chosen from EDU 318, EDU 350, CNA 451, HUS 202, HUS 218, or SOC 245.....	3

### Senior

SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elementary/Middle School.....	3
EDU 430 Literacy Assessment.....	3
EDU 431 Development of Science in the Elementary/Middle School.....	3
EDU 432 Development of Math in the Elementary/Middle School.....	3
EDU 435 Practicum Experience II.....	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (semester before clinical practice) .....	0
SPD 452 Consultation and Collaboration ( <i>fall only</i> ).....	3

### Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice

EDU 452 Clinical Practice and Seminar Elementary School.....	12
SPD 458 Clinical Practice and Seminar Special Education K-6.....	6

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Become an elementary 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 longstanding, excellent reputation for our education program, Wayne State is the perfect place to get your Elementary Education degree.

## fast facts

### Hours:

121 total hours for pairing

*At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.*

**Degrees offered:** B.A. or B.S.

**Department:** Educational Foundations and Leadership

**School:** Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Clinical practice:** One semester of student teaching required

**Other recommended pairings:** Early Childhood Education (PK-3), Special Education Generalist (K-6), Coaching (7-12)

## focus on results

### Skills Learned

- Teaching early and intermediate reading
- Developing math, science, art, and music curriculum
- Human development and cognition
- Practices for children with exceptionalities
- Classroom management and organization
- Diverse family systems and parent relationships
- Instructional media and technology

### Possible Careers

- Elementary school teacher
- Middle school teacher
- Special education teacher
- Learning coach
- After-school program manager
- Youth program director
- In-home tutor
- School counselor
- Training and development specialist
- Distance-learning designer

### Types of Employers

- Elementary schools
- Middle schools
- Youth programs
- Community programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Education / learning facilities
- Instructional software companies
- Government / federal agencies
- Child development centers
- Colleges and universities
- Online schools

## outside the classroom

### Activities / Opportunities

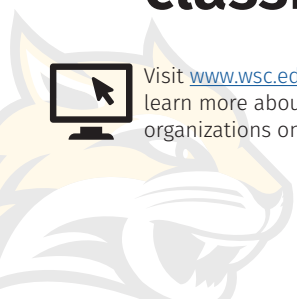
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## Freshman

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education .....	3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
*MAT 210 Math for Elementary Teachers I (General Studies CAT 3).....	3
NAT 280 Life Sciences for Elementary Education (General Studies CAT 7).....	3
NAT 281 Physical Sciences for Elementary Education or second science course.....	3
PED 103 Physical Health and Well-being or FCS 207 Nutrition (General Studies CAT 9).....	3
General Studies CAT 4.....	3
General Studies CAT 5.....	3
General Studies CAT 8.....	3

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Start completing initial benchmarks during EDU 245.

## Sophomore

ART 315 Art and the Creative Processes in Education .....	2
CNA 302 Language and Human Behavior or CNA 467 Intercultural Communication ( <i>summer</i> ).....	3
ECO 202 Principles of Macroeconomics, GEO 120 World Regional Geography, HIS 120 World History for General Studies, or POS 110 Introduction to World Politics (General Studies CAT 10).....	3
EDU 216 Children's Literature .....	3
EDU 217 Diverse Family Systems.....	2
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy (take with EDU 250 or first semester at WSC).....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
EDU 331 Development of Physical Education and Health in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
ENG 426 Linguistic Theory and Application ( <i>summer</i> ).....	3
ENG 150 Topics in Literature or ENG 280 Themes and Movements in Literature (General Studies CAT 6).....	3
MAT 215 Math for Elementary Teachers II.....	3
MUS 214 Music and the Creative Processes in Education.....	2

**Advancement to Level 2:** Acceptance to Educator Preparation candidacy required before taking any EDU/SPD 300-400 level courses.

## Junior

EDU 302 Curriculum, Standards, Assessment in Elementary School .....	3
EDU 318 Professional Communication.....	3
EDU 320 Instructional Media and Technology.....	2
EDU 332 Development of Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School .....	3
EDU 335 Practicum Experience I .....	1
EDU 340 Early Reading.....	3
EDU 341 Intermediate Reading.....	3
EDU 415 ESL Programs, Curriculum, and Assessment ( <i>summer</i> ).....	3
EDU 416 ESL Methods and Assessment ( <i>summer</i> ).....	3
EDU 423 Development of Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education.....	3
SPD 435 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning K-6.....	3

## Senior

EDU 417 English as a Second Language Practicum PK-12.....	3
EDU 430 Literacy Assessment .....	3
EDU 431 Development of Science in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 432 Development of Math in the Elementary and Middle School.....	3
EDU 435 Practicum Experience II.....	1
EDU 440 Reading and Writing Practicum PK-6.....	3
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice (semester before clinical practice).....	0

### Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice

EDU 452 Clinical Practice and Seminar in the Elementary School.....	12
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