

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – EDUCATION – FIELD ENDORSEMENT IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (GRADES K-8)

Elementary Level Professional Education Program

This program covers special instructional methods in science, health, reading, student and program assessment (tests and measurements), curriculum, guidance, multicultural and human relations, classroom management, special education, and other pertinent professional topics and issues.

Elementary majors will intern at a primary level (K-3) and an intermediate level (4-6). Students who have PK-12/7-12 endorsements in addition to their elementary major/endorsement will intern in their elementary area for part of the Internship semester and in the PK-12/7-12 area for the other portion of the Internship semester.

A student must complete the following program requirements in addition to the Essential Studies program.

Professional Education Courses

The following courses are prerequisites to the Professional Year. A student must maintain the required minimum GPA as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education (See Teacher Education Handbook (<http://www.csc.edu/documents/education/handbook.pdf>) for current GPA) and no Professional Education Course grade may be below a "C":

Code	Title	Credits
Essential Studies (http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/essential-studies-program)		
Professional Education Courses		
EDUC 131	INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING	3
EDUC 224	TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR LEARNING	3
EDUC 320	ECE/ELEM OBSERVATION AND PARTICIPATION	1-3
EDUC 329	ASSESSMENT FOUNDATIONS	2
PSYC 231	EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 254	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
or FCS 139	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	
SPED 230	INTRODUCTION TO THE EXCEPTIONAL LEARNER	3
SPED 334	DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION FOR DIVERSE CLASSROOMS	3
Professional Year		
"Block"		12
EDUC 490	TEACHER INTERNSHIP - STUDENT TEACHING	9
EDUC 495	EDUCATION CAPSTONE ¹	3
Total Credits		45-47

¹ Must be taken concurrently with EDUC 490 TEACHER INTERNSHIP - STUDENT TEACHING.

Elementary Education Endorsement Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ART 250	ART FOR THE ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER	3
EDUC 321	TEACHING ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS	2
EDUC 322	TEACHING ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS	2
EDUC 323	TEACHING ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES	2
ENG 235	CHILDREN'S LITERATURE	3
ENG 320	GRAMMAR AND LINGUISTICS	3
HPER 339	THEORY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION K-8	3
MATH 235	MATHEMATICS FOR THE ELEMENTARY TEACHER I	3
MATH 238	MATHEMATICS FOR THE ELEMENTARY TEACHER II ¹	3
MUS 233	MUSIC FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER	3
Choose one of the following:		3
HIST 151	US HISTORY TO 1877	
HIST 152	US HISTORY SINCE 1877	
HIST 354	US COLONIAL AND EARLY REPUBLIC	
HIST 355	US IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY	
HIST 356	US IN THE 20TH CENTURY	
HIST 361	NORTH AMERICAN WEST	
HIST 362	NEBRASKA HISTORY	
HIST 363	AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY	
Choose one of the following:		3
HIST 151	U.S. History to 1877	
HIST 152	U.S. History since 1877	
HIST 354	U.S. Colonial and Early Republic	
HIST 355	U.S. in the Nineteenth Century	
HIST 356	U.S. in the 20th Century	
HIST 361	North American West	
HIST 362	Nebraska History	
HIST 363	American Indian History	
OR		
GEOG 231	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 232	CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY	
PS 231	AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	
BIOL 136 & 136L	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE LABORATORY (BIOL 136 and 136L is recommended or any equivalent Biology course with a lab)	3
GEOS 129	PHYSICAL SCIENCE FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE GRADES TEACHER (Recommended or any Physical Science Course)	3
Area of Concentration: See Below		9
Total Credits		48

¹ May be taken before or during the Professional Year.

Admission to the Teacher Education Program must be completed before the end of the junior year.

Because of program requirements for NE certification, there are several credits hours that could fall into the Essential Studies Program. You are allowed to use only nine (9) of the same credits for the same course work in both your Essential Studies, and Elementary Education Program requirements. The courses with one asterisk (*) could be used to meet an Essential Studies course and/or an Elementary Education course, maximum 9 credits.

EDUC 495 Education Capstone is required to be taken concurrently with EDUC 490 Teacher Internship – Student Teaching.

Content Area of Concentration

Course requirements for the following Content Areas of Concentration are listed in each departmental section of this catalog. A minimum of one, nine (9)-credit Content Area of Concentration is required. A student must maintain the required minimum GPA as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education (See Teacher Education Handbook (<http://www.csc.edu/documents/education/handbook.pdf>) for current GPA) and no Content Area of Concentration Course grade may be below a “C”. Two-thirds (66%) of the chosen Content Area of Concentration must be completed prior to entry into the “Block” of the Professional Year.

Elementary Content Areas of Concentration may be chosen from the following:

- Art (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/art/areaofconcentration>)
- Business (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/business/areaofconcentration>)
- Early Childhood (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/family-consumer-sciences/areaofconcentration>)
- English Language Arts (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/english/areaofconcentration>)
- Mathematics (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/mathematics/areaofconcentration>)
- Physical Education (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/health-physical-education-recreation/areaofconcentration>)
- Science (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/physical-sciences/areaofconcentration>)
- Social Science (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/social-science/areaofconcentration>)
- Special Education (<http://catalog.csc.edu/undergraduate/programs/special-education/concentrationtext>)

Any candidate who is seeking a second endorsement (Field, Subject, or Supplemental), will be able to use the endorsement in place of the Content Area of Concentration. Two-thirds (66%) of the endorsement must be completed prior to entry into the “Block” of the Professional Year. A student must maintain the required minimum GPA as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education (See Teacher Education Handbook (<http://www.csc.edu/documents/education/handbook.pdf>) for current GPA). Minimum course grade requirements for second endorsements will be set by each department.

Professional Year

Comprised of the “Block” Professional Semester and the Teacher Internship semester. The following courses can be taken only as

part of the Professional Year. A student must maintain the required minimum GPA as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education (See Teacher Education Handbook (<http://www.csc.edu/documents/education/handbook.pdf>) for current GPA) and no Professional Year Course grade may be below a “C”:

Refer to the Professional Year Application Requirements.

Semester #1 – “Block”

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 413E	ELEM/MS CURR & COUN	1
EDUC 414E	CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	1
EDUC 415E	HUMAN RELATIONS/MULTI-CULTURAL	1
EDUC 416E	ELEMENTARY/MS ASSESSMENT	1
EDUC 417E	TEACHING READING DIAGNOSIS	1
EDUC 422	TEACHING ELEMENTARY/MS SCIENCE/HEALTH	2
EDUC 423	TEACHING PRIMARY READING AND WRITING	2
EDUC 424	TEACHING INTERMEDIATE READING AND WRITING	2
SPED 412E	SPECIAL EDUCATION PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES	1
Total Credits		12

Semester #2 – Teacher Internship

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 490	TEACHER INTERNSHIP - STUDENT TEACHING	9
EDUC 495	EDUCATION CAPSTONE	3
Total Credits		12

EDUC 490 TEACHER INTERNSHIP - STUDENT TEACHING and EDUC 495 EDUCATION CAPSTONE must be taken concurrently and may be taken only upon successful completion of the Professional Semester #1 Block. A student must maintain the required minimum GPA as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education (See Teacher Education Handbook (<http://www.csc.edu/documents/education/handbook.pdf>) for current GPA) and no Professional Year Course grade may be below a “C”.

NOTE: The Praxis II: Elementary Education Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Exam (as required by the Nebraska Department of Education) must be taken as a requisite for graduation for all Elementary Education students.

Program for Adding an Endorsement

To add another endorsement to an existing teaching/administrative certificate, the student must complete the appropriate departmental and endorsement area coursework. To determine coursework requirements, the student should contact the certification officer for a complete Evaluation Worksheet for an Added Endorsement. The student must then notify the Teacher Certification Officer when the program coursework is complete and request that the subsequent Endorsement be posted (or added) to the student’s official transcript. The student may then submit a Nebraska Application for Teacher Certification to the Nebraska Department of Education, in order for the State Department of Education to add this new endorsement to the student’s teaching certificate. The CSC Certification Office is unable to process requests to add endorsements/programs to a teaching certificate until this procedure is completed.

Supplemental Endorsement in Early Childhood Education (Age 3 through Grade 3)

(Requires the Field Endorsement in Elementary Education)

Persons with this endorsement are prepared to teach children from Pre-kindergarten (age 3) through grade 3 (age 8). Candidates for this endorsement must hold, or earn concurrently, an Elementary Education (K-8) endorsement. (No grade may be below a "C")

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 231	PLAY/ART/MUSIC FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD	3
FCS 139	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	3
FCS 337	GUIDANCE TECHNIQUES IN HUMAN RELATIONS	3
FCS 338	PRENATAL AND INFANT PRACTICUM ⁴	3
FCS 239	PARTNERS IN EDUCATION	3
FCS 321A	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	2
FCS 423	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT	3
FCS 448 & 448L	EARLY CHILDHOOD PRACTICUM and EARLY CHILDHOOD PRACTICUM LABORATORY	4
Total Credits		24

⁴ Candidates must complete 45 clock-hours per practicum working with preschool (pre-kindergarten) children.