Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Teacher Education

Foster a love of learning

An elementary school classroom is a child’s early training ground for knowledge, creativity and responsibility. Help shape that experience through a Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Teacher Education. The program is designed for students who have no prior teaching experience or aren’t yet certified and want to become elementary school teachers.

In the BSEd/Elementary Teacher Education program, you’ll:

• Create lesson plans that utilize research-based teaching strategies for elementary students
• Learn how to manage a positive elementary classroom
• Discover how to meet the educational needs of diverse elementary student populations
• Assess children through observation, interactions and other performance measures

Teachers often have a special “it factor,” an intrinsic desire to make a difference in the lives of students. Our courses help you explore and define your goals into your own personal educational philosophy. We’ll help you build your foundation — so you can help young people build theirs.

Support for every step

Wondering how you’ll do it all? We’ve got you covered. You can complete your coursework in four years. You’ll take just one course at a time, and most are only 5 weeks long so you can balance school with life.

Plus, you’ll find plenty of support from our dedicated program support specialists who partner with you during your 100 required hours of field experience and student teaching. Our program support specialists also help you navigate the world of state licensure requirements and answer any questions or obstacles you encounter along the way.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Teacher Education program, you’ll discover:

Licensure support
You’re not in this alone. Our program support specialists can help you navigate teacher licensure and credentialing requirements.

Relevant curriculum
Take one course at a time through a curriculum that includes field experience and student teaching to offer real-world experience.

District partnerships
We’ll help you with school placements for your field experience and student teaching through our close partnerships with hundreds of school districts nationwide.

View the gainful employment disclosures for the Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Teacher Education program
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Projected job growth:

7%
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to be 7 percent between 2016 and 2026. A Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Teacher Education can help prepare you to be an:

- Elementary education teacher
- Elementary teacher

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your résumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It’s all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students who graduate from the College of Education should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Teacher Education degree, you should be able to perform these learning outcomes.

Program purpose statement

The Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education is an undergraduate degree program intended to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The program is designed for students who want to become elementary school teachers. The program includes a clinical component requiring field experience and student teaching above and beyond program coursework.

As licensure requirements may vary by state, it’s the student’s responsibility to ascertain and meet licensure requirements in any state in which the student desires to practice and to contact the applicable state educator licensure agency to verify current requirements to become a licensed teacher. There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a teacher with any local, state or federal entity.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance the University meets quality standards.

Institutional accreditation

Regional accreditation is an institution-level accreditation status granted by one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies. Accreditation by more than one regional accrediting body is not permitted by the U.S. Department of Education.

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.
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Course length: 5 weeks
Total credits required: 120
Max. number of transfer credits: 90

Requirements and prerequisites

You’ll need 120 credits to complete this program. These may be earned from a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits. View general requirements

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster. Transfer eligible college credits or apply to have relevant experience evaluated for potential college credit. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Student teaching

During your student teaching experience — one of the final steps to prepare you to pursue employment in the teaching field — you’ll apply your instruction and classroom management skills full time. Working under the supervision of a teacher and a University of Phoenix faculty advisor, you’ll develop lesson plans, teach, work with diverse student populations and incorporate technology into the classroom.

Teacher licensure

A Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education can help students with no prior teaching experience prepare for initial teacher licensure. As licensure requirements may vary by state, it’s your responsibility to learn and meet licensure requirements in any state where you desire to practice. View requirements for teacher licensure for your state.

View additional requirements for licensure.

Core courses

- EED416: Elementary Methods: Mathematics
- EDU390: Elementary Education Seminar
- EDU305: Child Development
- SEI300: Structured English Immersion
- RDG420: Elementary Methods - Reading/language Arts
- EED430: Elementary Methods - Social Studies
- RDG415: Diagnosis And Remediation Of Reading Difficulties
- GEN127: University Studies For Success
- EDU301: Foundations Of Education
- EED435: Elementary Methods - Fine Arts
- SPE300: Orientation To The Exceptional Child
- SEI301: Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods
- EDU311: Models And Theories Of Instruction
- RDG350: Children's Literature
- EED400: Assessment In Elementary Education
- EED425: Elementary Methods-Health/PE
- EDU300: Orientation To Teacher Education
- EDU315: Legal & Ethical Issues In Education
- EED420: Elementary Methods - Science
- EDU321: Classroom Management
The following programs — BSEd/E, BSEd/ECH, BSLS, MAEd/TED-E, MAEd/TED-S and MAEd/SPE — provide the academic preparation required by most states to sit for initial teacher certification exams.

Residents of Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, Oregon, Puerto Rico and Texas: This is an Arizona-based program. As an out-of-state-prepared candidate for initial teacher licensure, your state requires you to obtain Arizona certification first prior to seeking licensure in your home state.

For more information on licensure requirements, application materials and website information for your state’s board or department of education, click on your state in the link below: http://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/teacher-licensure/state-requirements.html.

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.