

# Master of Arts in Education/Elementary Teacher Education



Approx. program length:

**22 months**

Credits:

**45**

Cost per credit:

**\$540**

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

**Online**

## Master of Arts in Education/Elementary Teacher Education

If you hold a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than education but want to learn the skills to become an effective elementary classroom teacher, our Master of Arts in Education in Elementary Teacher Education is for you. Earn your degree through coursework that's aligned with national standards.

This degree program is designed to prepare you for teacher licensure and will help you build confidence as a general studies teacher in an elementary classroom. This master's program includes a clinical component (field experience and student teaching), allowing candidates to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to positively impact student learning and development. The program aligns with national standards, ensuring candidates attain a quality degree that's relevant to today's classroom. Requirements for licensure vary by state. [View your state licensure requirements.](#)

### You'll learn how to:

- Manage a positive classroom environment
- Promote critical thinking through teaching strategies
- Instruct based on your understanding of the various stages of child growth and development
- Apply the theory learned in the classroom to field-based clinical practice throughout the program

Projected job growth:

**3%**

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## What can you do with a Master of Arts in Education/Elementary Teacher Education?

A MAEd/TEd-E can prepare you to be a:

- Kindergarten teacher
- Elementary school teacher

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to be slower than average between 2018 and 2028.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

## Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Arts in Education/Elementary Teacher Education is a graduate degree program intended for students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The program is designed for students who want to become elementary school teachers. Candidates for this program have already earned a bachelor's degree. The program includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and student teaching above and beyond program coursework. There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a teacher with any local, state or federal entity. [View your state licensure requirements.](#)

During your clinical practice 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 classroom teacher and a University of Phoenix faculty advisor, you'll develop lesson plans, apply instructional knowledge to your teaching, work with diverse student populations and incorporate technology into the classroom.

## Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), [hlcommission.org](https://hlcommission.org). Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

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**45**

## Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 44-45 credits to complete this Master of Arts in Education/Elementary Teacher Education. Your course schedule may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

### 15-16 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in this field.

- MTE/001: Orientation to Teacher Education
- MTE/510: Professional Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions
- MTE/516: Foundations of the Professional Educator
- MTE/511: Child/Adolescent Growth, Development, and Learning
- ELM/533: Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners
- ELM/532: Creating an Effective Learning Environment
- SEI/504: STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION-ELEMENTARY
- MTE/512: Teaching the Exceptional Learner
- MTE/513: Evaluation and Data Literacy
- ELM/534: Elements of Literacy Content and Curricular Knowledge
- ELM/535: Application of Research-Based Literacy Instruction
- ELM/536: Social Studies Content and Curricular Knowledge
- ELM/538: Mathematics Content and Curricular Knowledge
- ELM/537: Science Content and Curricular Knowledge
- HIS/518: U.S. CONSTITUTION

### 1-Student Teaching/Clinical Practice course

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### COE Central

[College of Education](#) students will find many helpful resources on COE Central. Program handbooks provide a wealth of information on topics such as professional expectations, clinical experiences, clinical practice, internships, edTPA and much more. Milestone roadmaps, technology and multimedia resources, and various toolkits are also available.

## What you'll learn

When you earn your online Master of Arts in Education/Elementary Teacher Education, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

### Download learning outcomes

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Design and implement effective instruction in the elementary classroom to produce a positive impact on student learning
- Evaluate effective professional practice in elementary education
- Apply professional ethics to their instructional practices in elementary education
- Evaluate learning principles to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of diverse elementary student populations
- Create innovative strategies and incorporate technology in an elementary classroom setting

## Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your classes.

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](#), elementary teacher certification and any questions or obstacles you encounter along the way.

The following programs – BSEd/E, BSEd/ECH, MAEd/TED-E, MAEd/TED-S, MAEd/SPE, CERT/AP-E, CERT/AP-S, and CERT/AP-SE – provide the academic preparation required by most states to sit for initial teacher certification exams.

Educator/Principal licensure requirements vary by state. Candidates located in a state that does not provide a direct path to licensure will be required to obtain Arizona certification first, prior to seeking licensure in their home state as an out-of-state prepared teacher/principal candidate. Arizona certification requires candidates to pass all Arizona-specific licensure requirements, including any Arizona-specific exams (or home state equivalents if recognized by Arizona Department of Education.) After obtaining an Arizona teacher/principal certificate, candidates can then apply for licensure in their home state and may be required to complete additional testing and/or requirements at additional cost. Program requirements may change based upon your home state's agency licensure requirements. Please visit the teacher licensure page <https://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/teacher-licensure/state-requirements.html> or the principal licensure page <https://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/principal-licensure.html> for state specific requirements prior to reaching out to your state agency.

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.