

Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate/Elementary Education



Approx. program length:

15 months

Credits:

27

Cost per credit:

\$540

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

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Turn your passion for teaching into a career. This 15 month program is a first step to teacher licensure, even if you don't have teaching experience. The program combines academic theory and coursework with a clinical component made up of student teaching and field experiences. Credits from this certificate can apply toward a Master of Arts in Elementary Education.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Classroom Management
- Lesson Planning
- Learning Strategies
- Growth Mindset
- Teaching
- Professionalism
- Innovation

Projected job growth:

4%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate-Elementary Education Certificate?

A Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate-Elementary Education Certificate prepares you for:

- Elementary Education Teacher
- Elementary Teacher

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for elementary teachers is projected to be slower than average between 2020 and 2030.

This data reflects the BLS' projections of national (not local) conditions. These data points are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Total credits required:

27

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 27 credits to complete the Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate/Elementary Education.

10 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.

- APES/503: Orientation to the Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate
- APE/522: Elementary - Effective Learning Climates
- APE/518: Elementary Models, Theories, and Instructional Strategies
- APES/515: Survey of Special Populations
- SEI/504: Structured English Immersion-Elementary
- APES/562: Assessment and Evaluation
- APE/536: Introduction to the Science of Reading
- APE/537: Elementary Curriculum and Assessment- Reading/ELA
- APE/515: Elementary Content Methods
- APES/545: Clinical Practice

1 Clinical Practice/Student Teaching Course

During your clinical practice experience — one of the final steps to complete your degree — you'll complete a student teaching experience where you will apply your instruction and classroom management skills full time. Working under the supervision of a teacher and a University of Phoenix faculty supervisor, you'll develop lesson plans, teach, work with diverse student populations and incorporate technology into the classroom.

Schedule

Attend class whenever it fits your life, day or night because our online classroom is available 24/7/365. Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate/Elementary Education.

Plus, you'll find support from our dedicated education program specialists who work with you 1:1 during your 100 required hours of clinical experience (or more if required by your state) and a minimum of 12 weeks of clinical practice (or more if required by your state). Our education program specialists also help you navigate your [state licensure requirements for teacher certification, and can help with questions along the way.](#)

What you'll learn

When you earn your online Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate/Elementary Education you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

- Design and implement effective instruction and behavioral plans in the elementary classroom to positively impact student learning.
- Demonstrate professional dispositions and ethical conduct in elementary education.
- Create innovative strategies and incorporate technology in an elementary classroom setting.

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.

Licensure Requirements

The Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate - Elementary Education prepares candidates for initial teacher licensure as an elementary school teacher. Program requirements may change based upon state agency licensure requirements and they can be found on our [teacher licensure page](#). Please check this list regularly prior to contacting your state agency for state-specific requirements.

Program Purpose Statement

The Graduate Initial Teacher Certificate-Elementary Education Certificate is a graduate level certificate program intended to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The certificate program is designed for students who want to become elementary education teachers. Candidates for this certificate program have already earned a bachelor's degree. The certificate program includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and student teaching above and beyond program coursework.