

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION HANDBOOK



FOR SPECIALIZATION LEADING TO
WEST VIRGINIA
MULTI-SUBJECTS K-6 CERTIFICATION

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Elementary Education Program Goals

The purpose of Elementary Education multi-subjects specialization is to:

1. Promote teachers who are reflective problem solvers in the daily workplace of elementary schools;
2. Promote teachers who plan and implement a learning environment responsive to the social and psychological conditions that characterize their school;
3. Promote a strong background in child development and related pedagogical practices;
4. Provide teachers with a wide range of teaching methodologies and strategies across many content areas;
5. Promote a broadly based understanding of elementary school and its place and function in society; and
6. Promote a desire for continued investigation of the teaching/learning dialect beyond the undergraduate preparation.

Juncture I Requirements:

- Must have an overall GPA of 2.75 and a 2.75 Shepherd GPA (incl. Transfer Students).
- Must have a C or better in all Specialty and Professional Courses (speak with your advisor).
- Must have passed the PRAXIS I Core or provided proof of exemption as determined/required by the State of West Virginia. *Please speak with your advisor regarding the exemptions/requirements/deadlines regarding the PRAXIS I Core exams.*
- Contact your advisor with any questions about any additional course work or requirements that must be completed before applying for Juncture I.

Juncture II Requirements:

- Must have an overall GPA of 2.75 and a 2.75 Shepherd GPA (incl. Transfer Students).
- Must have a C or better in all Specialty and Professional Courses (speak with your advisor).
- Must have an overall 2.75 GPA in Specialty and Professional Courses (speak with your advisor).
- You must pass all PRAXIS II Content exams before you will be permitted to student teach. *Please speak with your advisor regarding the deadlines for passing the PRAXIS II Content exams.*

For policies and procedures related to all teacher candidates within the EPP at Shepherd, review the [EPP Student Handbook](#) and/or the [Practicum Manual](#) and/or [School of Education website](#). For more specific information regarding your program and its requirements, contact your specialization coordinator via the contact information noted above.

Four-Year Course Progression (Effective Fall 2022)

FALL		FIRST YEAR			SPRING		FIRST YEAR	
Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit		Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit
Core Curriculum	1	ENGL 101	3		Core Curriculum	1	ENGL 102	3
Core Curriculum	1	History-100 level	3		EDUC 150		Seminar in Education	1
BIOL 103 or 104		General Biological Science	4		MATH 105	1	College Algebra (MA) (Req.)	3
Core Curriculum	2	Choose AR with advisor	3		COMM 202	2	Fundamentals of Speech (HM-GL) (Req.)	3
GSPE 210 or NUTR 120	2	Fitness for Life or Food for Wellness	3		Core Curriculum	2	Choose SO-CK with advisor. Preferred PSCI 101	3
					HIST 201/202/203		History of the United States	3
		TOTAL	16				TOTAL	16

FALL		SECOND YEAR			SPRING		SECOND YEAR	
Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit		Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit
EDUC 200		Foundations of Education	3		GSCI 103 or 104		General Physical Science (LS) (Req.)	4
GSCI 103 or 104		General Physical Science (LS) (Req.)	4		MATH 109 (preferred) or MATH 200 or MATH 314		Statistical Reasoning or Geometry & Measurement or Statistics	3
Core Curriculum		Choose HM Preferred ENGL 204	3		HIST 309		West Virginia and Appalachian Region	3
MATH 102		Math for Elementary Teachers	3		HLTH 310		Health/Physical Education for Elementary Educators	3
GEOG 105 or GEOG 202		World Cultural Geography (SO-GL)	3		EDUC 360	2	Survey of Exceptional Children (SO-MD)	3
		TOTAL	16				TOTAL	16

FALL		THIRD YEAR			SPRING		THIRD YEAR	
Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit		Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit
EDUC 320		Social / Psychological Conditions of Learning	4		EDUC 355		Reading and Language Arts I	3
EDUC 333		Foundations of Literacy	3		EDUC 356		Elementary Science Methods	3
ARED 325		Aesthetic Inquiry	3		EDUC 357		Elem Social Studies Methods	3
MUSC 226		Classroom Music Educ	3		EDUC 358		Elementary Practicum I	4
EDUC 380		Innovative Technology	3		EDUC 341		Math Methods/Elem Teachers	3
		TOTAL	16				TOTAL	16

FALL		FOURTH YEAR			SPRING		FOURTH YEAR	
Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit		Sub./Course No.	Tier	Title	Credit
EDUC 359		Reading / Lang Arts II	3		EDUC 451		Elementary Residency II (CP)	9
EDUC 400		Inclusion in the Regular Classroom	3		EDUC 461**		Student Teaching Seminar (WM)	3
EDUC 364		Elementary Residency I	6					
		TOTAL	12				TOTAL	12
							DEGREE TOTAL	120

**EDUC 461 is designated as the Writing in the Major course for Education. Elementary Education Comprehensive, B.A.

List of Specialty Courses:

ARED 325
BIOL 103 or 104
GEOG 105 or 202*
HIST 201, 202, or 203

HIST 309
HLTH 310**
MATH 102

MATH 109
MUSC 226
EDUC 341

*GEOG 202 is only available to students on the Fall 2022 catalog and later. Students on the Fall 2021 catalog must take GEOG 105.

**HLTH 203 can be substituted for HLTH 310. Please speak to the Director of the School of Education.

List of Professional Education Courses:

EDUC 150
EDUC 200
EDUC 360
EDUC 320
EDUC 333

EDUC 355
EDUC 356
EDUC 357
EDUC 358
EDUC 359

EDUC 380
EDUC 364
EDUC 400
EDUC 451
EDUC 461