



# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Shepherd's accredited Educator Preparation Program will prepare you to inspire and empower the next generation of learners. Our School of Education aims to shape you into a motivated instructor, equipped with the resources to successfully educate future generations using the most up-to-date classroom technology. Regardless of your chosen specialization, your studies will cover educational theory, teaching methods, and current best practices, and your experiences will include field based learning in today's public-school classrooms, ensuring you're confidently ready to lead a classroom of your own upon graduation.

## YOUR FUTURE

*Potential Career Fields in This Program*

Graduate studies, public and private institutions, Teach for America, Peace Corps, student coordination, teaching abroad, and so much more.

## FEATURED COURSES

- EDUC 150 – Seminar in Education
- EDUC 200 – Foundations of American Education
- EDUC 320 – The Social & Psychological Conditions of Learning
- EDUC 333 – Foundations of Literacy
- EDUC 360 – Survey of Exceptional Children
- EDUC 380 – Innovative Technology
- EDUC 400 – Inclusion in the Regular Classroom
- EDUC 364 + EDUC 451 – Yearlong Elementary Residency

## HANDS-ON LEARNING

Our program incorporates over 125 hours in the field in all professional education courses to allow prospective teacher candidates to experience teaching early in the program and to select their best career path. The final clinical residency includes at least 750 hours of immersion in the K-6 classroom setting, spread across two semesters (e.g., one full year) for a true real-life experience.



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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

For the Elementary Education Comprehensive (B.A.) program, 59 credit hours of Professional Studies core for Elementary Education and 31 credit hours of Specialty Studies for Elementary Education K-6 are required.

*\*Program requirements are subject to change.*

Additional endorsement options for the elementary education comprehensive (K-6) program include\*\*:

- Middle School Math (Grades 5-9)
- Middle School Social Studies (Grades 5-9)
- Special Education / Multi-Categorical (*Coming Soon!*)

\*\*Additional coursework required



### WHAT IS CORE CURRICULUM?

Core Curriculum simply refers to the courses and credits that all students are required to complete regardless of their major. We use a liberal arts approach with our Core Curriculum, meaning that you will explore a wide range of fields, from art and literature to chemistry and mathematics.

Through this approach, you will also learn transferable skills — critical problem solving, innovation, teamwork, empathy, and analytical thinking — that will never expire in the workforce.

*At Shepherd, your education will support your future aspirations — no matter what you decide to do.*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Our emphasis on students with exceptionalities and learning differences as well as instructional technology are important components of education that are discussed and examined throughout our course offerings.
- Our geographical location provides students with options for field and clinical experiences in rural, suburban, and/or urban environments.
- Many classes in the School of Education are offered online or in the evening to work with our students' busy schedules.
- The Educator Preparation Program at Shepherd University offers students the opportunity to explore education in various cultural settings through study abroad options. Our students have partnered with organizations and traveled to settings such as South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Jamaica.

## GET INVOLVED

Join Shepherd's chapter of **Kappa Delta Pi**, the international honor society in education inspiring teachers and students through service-learning events with local schools and the community. Events include Professional Development Day, the Literacy Alive pen pal program, film screenings, and the annual Little House Story Book Carnival.

Members can enhance their own professional growth and teaching practices through the organization's various products, services, and events, while establishing a network with the other leaders in the education field.

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