



SHEPHERD
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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 the 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.

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 advisor/specialization coordinator.

Juncture I (Admission to EPP) 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/CASE 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/CASE 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 (Admission Residency 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 should pass all PRAXIS II Content exams before applying to enter Residency II. *Please speak with your advisor regarding the deadlines for passing the PRAXIS II Content exams.* [See ****NOTE**** Below table for additional Praxis Requirements.]

Elementary Education Four-Year Course Progression (Eff Fall 2025)

| FALL | | | | SPRING | | | |
|---|------|---|--------------|--|------|--|--------------|
| Sub./Course No. | Tier | First Year Title | Credit | Sub./Course No. | Tier | First Year 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 |
| WELL 201 or NUTR 120 | 2 | Lifetime Wellness or Food for Wellness | 3 | Core Curriculum | 2 | Choose SO-CK with advisor. Preferred PSCI 101 | 3 |
| MATH 101* | | Fundamentals of Math* | 1 | HIST 201/202/203 | | History of the United States | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 17* | Take Praxis I CASE (See below.)* | | | TOTAL |
| | | | | | | | 16 |
| FALL | | | | SPRING | | | |
| Sub./Course No. | Tier | Second Year Title | Credit | Sub./Course No. | Tier | Second Year 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 314 | | Statistical Reasoning or Statistics | 3 |
| Core Curriculum | | Choose HM Preferred ENGL 204 | 3 | MUSC 226 | | Classroom Music Educ | 3 |
| MATH 102 | | Math for Elementary Teachers | 3 | HLTH 310 [Sp/Su ONLY] | | 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 |
| Take Praxis I CASE (See below.)* | | | TOTAL | Take Praxis I CASE (See below.)* | | | TOTAL |
| | | | 16 | | | | 16 |
| FALL | | | | SPRING | | | |
| Sub./Course No. | Tier | Third Year Title | Credit | Sub./Course No. | Tier | Third Year Title | Credit |
| EDUC 320* | | Social / Psychological Conditions of Learning | 3 | 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 |
| HIST 309 [Fall/Su ONLY] | | West Virginia and Appalachian Region | 3 | EDUC 358 | | Elementary Practicum I | 4 |
| EDUC 380 | | Innovative Technology | 3 | EDUC 341 | | Math Methods/Elem Teachers | 3 |
| APPLY FOR JUNCTURE 1* | | | TOTAL | Take Praxis II (REQUIRED) | | | TOTAL |
| | | | 15 | | | | 16 |
| FALL | | | | SPRING | | | |
| Sub./Course No. | Tier | Fourth Year Title | Credit | Sub./Course No. | Tier | Fourth Year 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** | | Clinical Experience Seminar (WM) | 3 |
| EDUC 364 | | Elementary Residency I | 6 | | | | |
| Take Teaching Reading ELED Praxis (Required) | | | TOTAL | | | TOTAL | 12 |
| | | | 12 | | | DEGREE TOTAL | 120* |
| APPLY FOR JUNCTURE 2 | | | | EDUC 461 is designated as the Writing in the Major [WM] course for Education. | | | |
| | | | | Elementary Education Comprehensive, B.A. | | | |

*MATH 101 As needed for eligibility for MATH 105 / Semester 1 NOTE: One course of EDUC 390 in final semester and/or an additional 1-credit elective may be required to reach 120-minimum.

****NOTE:** WVDE Licensure Requirements include passing Praxis 5205 Teaching Reading for Elementary Educators before certification eligibility (Eff. July 2024). This is not a Shepherd EPP graduation requirement, but it is strongly recommended that you attempt this assessment at or near the conclusion of EDUC 359.

| C OR BETTER REQUIRED | |
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| Professional Studies Courses: | Specialty Courses: |
| EDUC 150 | ARED 325 |
| EDUC 200 | BIOL 103 or 104 |
| EDUC 360 | GEOG 105 or 202* |
| EDUC 320 | HIST 309 |
| EDUC 333 | HLTH 310** |
| EDUC 341 | MATH 102 |
| EDUC 355 | MATH 109*** |
| EDUC 356 | MUSC 226 |
| EDUC 357 | HIST 201, 202, or 203 |
| EDUC 358 | |
| EDUC 359 | CORE: |
| EDUC 364 | ENGL 101(S) |
| EDUC 380 | ENGL 102 |
| EDUC 400 | COMM 202 |
| EDUC 451 | |
| EDUC 461 | |
| *GEOG 202 is available only to students on the Fall 2022 Catalog or later. Students on earlier catalogs must take GEOG 105. | |
| **HLTH 203 may be substituted for HLTH 310. Please see the Director of the School of Education as needed. | |
| *** Or alternative MATH courses as outlined above. | |