

MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

Pre-Elementary Education Admission Pathway

The School of Education will establish a "Pre-Elementary Education" distinction that is an open-entry major for incoming first-year students or transfer students who wish to become eligible to apply for the Elementary Education program in their second year. The application process is such that students must be in the Pre-Elementary Education distinction and then in the third semester (each fall semester) students apply to the Elementary Education program, which follows a competitive entry process. To be eligible for admission, students must:

- Complete the Elementary Education Degree Program Application (will be available through the School of Education to students in the Pre-Elementary Education distinction pathway students only).
- Complete EDEL 120, EDEL 230, **EDUC 175**, **EDUC 275** (with a C or better)

- Complete a minimum of 28 total credits.
- Hold a 2.50 cumulative GPA

Due to limited space in the major (60 students per year), in addition to the minimum qualifications above, students will be admitted based on factors such as GPA, statement of purpose and a letter of recommendation.

Once admitted all EDEL and EDCO courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Additionally, background checks are required prior to participation in the second-year field placement course.

Students not admitted into the program will work with an advisor to determine a pathway from one of the following options:

- Transition into another CSU major that aligns with their academic interests and preserves progress toward graduation. Academic advisors will work with students to identify majors that best apply previously completed coursework.
- Consider educator preparation programs already offered at CSU, such as Early Childhood Education, K-12/Secondary Education Preparation, which may allow them to apply relevant coursework toward a teacher licensure pathway.

Background check required prior to participating in field placement course in their sophomore year.

Freshman

Semester 1		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)		X	1A	3
EDUC 175	Identity Literacy and Education Dialogues	X		1C	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (see list on Program Requirements tab)			X	3A	3-4
Electives			X		6

Total Credits

15-16

Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDEL 120	Foundations of Elementary Special Education	X			3
EDEL 230	Elementary Curriculum Development	X			3
EDUC 275	Schools, Society, and Self (GT-SS3)	X		3C	3
Select one course from the following:		X			3
MATH 101	Math in the Social Sciences (GT-MA1)			1B	
MATH 105	Patterns of Phenomena (GT-MA1)			1B	
STAT 100	Statistical Literacy (GT-MA1)			1B	
STAT 201	General Statistics (GT-MA1)			1B	
Elective			X		3

Total Credits

15

Sophomore

Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDCO 210	Mental Health Elementary Child Development	X			3
EDEL 240	Foundations of Literacy Instruction	X			3
EDEL 286A	Elementary Instruction Practicum: I	X			1
Advanced Writing (see list on Program Requirements tab)			X	2	3
Historical Perspectives (see list on Program Requirements tab)			X	3D	3
Elective					3

Total Credits

16

Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDCO 310	Mental Health Skills for Elementary Teachers	X			4

EDEL 210	Creating an Inclusive Classroom Environment	X			2
EDEL 220	Assessment and Data in Elementary Education	X			3
EDEL 286B	Elementary Instruction Practicum: II	X			1
Biological and Physical Sciences (see list on Program Requirements tab)			X	3A	3-4
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			X	3B	3
Total Credits					16-17
Junior					
Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDEL 260	Children's Literature in Elementary Education	X			3
EDEL 320	Differentiation in the Elementary Classroom	X			3
EDEL 330	Elementary Mathematical Thinking	X			3
EDEL 340	Elementary Science Methods	X			3
EDEL 386A	Elementary Instruction Practicum: III	X			1
Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)				3B	3
Total Credits					16
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDEL 350	Elementary Social Studies Methods	X			3
EDEL 360	Diagnostics of Teaching Reading	X			3
EDEL 370	Writing in the Elementary Classroom	X			3
EDEL 375	Language Acquisition and Teaching	X			3
EDEL 386B	Elementary Instruction Practicum: IV	X			1
Total Credits					13
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDEL 410	Special Education Instructional Practices	X			3
EDEL 420	Elementary Interdisciplinary Methods	X			3
EDEL 440	Elementary Mathematics Methods	X			3
EDEL 450	Methods of Teaching Multilingual Learners	X			3
EDEL 470	Life in Elementary Classrooms	X			1
EDEL 486A	Elementary Instruction Practicum: V	X			1
Elective			X		1
Total Credits					15
Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
EDEL 479	Elementary Education Capstone	X		4C	2
EDEL 485	Elementary Student Teaching	X		4A,4B	12
Total Credits					14
Program Total Credits:					120