

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, MAJOR AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE (PEL)

**College:** School of Education

**Department:** Education

**Student Type:** Traditional Undergraduate

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

**Campus:** Lisle Campus

## Requirements for the Major and Teacher Licensure in Elementary Education

The following requirements for the degree and Professional Educator License (PEL) in Elementary Education are for candidates who have been admitted to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) and who are completing their program after September 1, 2017, as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 20 (Standards for Endorsement in Elementary Education). Completers of this program will receive the Self-Contained General Education endorsement on the PEL for grades 1-6.

Students majoring in Elementary Education must complete the following requirements. These align with, but are not totally inclusive of, all of the University Basic Skills and Distribution Requirements for an undergraduate degree at Benedictine University.

1. The Basic Skills core with at least a "C" in each course. This core includes WRIT 1101 Writing Colloquium, WRIT 1102 Research Writing, COMM 1110 Speech Communication and MATH 1110 College Algebra.
2. The Arts and Humanities require 15 semester credit hours, as per University distribution requirements.
3. The Natural Sciences requires 9 semester credit hours as per University distribution requirements. One Life-Scientific (QLS) or Physical-Scientific (QPS) course must include a lab.
4. The Social Sciences I and II requires 6 semester credit hours as per University distribution requirements.

The cognate requirements for the major in the Elementary Education program for degree and license requirements are:

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 1110	College Algebra	3
MATH 1112	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
MATH 1150	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH 2222	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
HIST 1111 or HIST 1112	American History to 1865 American History since 1865	3
INTB 1101	The Global Economy	3
MUSI 1107	Music Appreciation for Educators	3
PHYS 1107	Earth and Space Science	4
PLSC 1102	American Government	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>28</b>

The professional education requirements for the Elementary Education program for degree and license requirements are:

Code	Title	Hours
EDUC 2200	Preclinical Experience Level 1 with Seminar	1
EDUC 2205	Educational Foundations	3
EDUC 2207	Introduction to Education Seminar	1
EDUC 3209	Language Arts in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 2210	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 2215	Technology for Teachers	3
EDUC 3234	Preclinical Experience Level 2 with Seminar	1
EDUC 4236	Preclinical Experience Level 3 with Seminar	1
EDUC 3240	Teaching Reading/Writing in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 2260	Educating Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDUC 4308	Creating An Inclusive Learning Environment	3
EDUC 3310	Assessment in Action	3
EDUC 3312	Methods of Teaching Social Studies - Elementary	3
EDUC 3315	Methods of Teaching Mathematics - Elementary	3
EDUC 3318	Methods of Teaching Science - Elementary	3
EDUC 4320	Reading/Writing Diagnostics for All Learners	3
EDUC 4355	Managing the Learning Environment	3
EDUC 4370	Student Teaching	12
EDUC 2100	Physical Development and Health for Educators	2
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>57</b>

Included in these requirements are three preclinical experiences (EDUC 2200 Preclinical Experience Level 1 with Seminar, EDUC 3234 Preclinical Experience Level 2 with Seminar and EDUC 4236 Preclinical Experience Level 3 with Seminar) and student teaching (EDUC 4370 Student Teaching).

All coursework for licensure must be completed with grades of "C" or better. Grades of C minus (C-) are considered to be below a "C". "C-" grades for equivalent courses received from another institution will need to be retaken at Benedictine and passed with a grade of "C" or better.

Students must successfully complete the education Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) as part of EDUC 4370 Student Teaching for degree and license completion. Students must also pass the Test of Academic Proficiency/ACT/SAT and content area test to complete their degree with license. If a student has not completed all license requirements at the time the degree is awarded, the transcript will show that the degree/program was completed "Without License."

Completion of the Elementary Education major with licensure test requirements entitles the candidate to the Professional Educator License (PEL) with the endorsement for Elementary Education/Self Contained General Education for grades 1-6.

## Objectives

Students in the Education programs will achieve the following student learning outcomes (SLO):

Student Learning Outcome 1: Teacher candidates in the Education Program will have pass student teaching.

- University SLO: 1; Disciplinary Competence and Skills

Student Learning Outcome 2: Teacher Candidates will pass the content area test in their major

- University SLO: 9; Personal Development

Student Learning Outcome 3: Teacher Candidates will successfully pass edTPA

- University SLO: 2; Critical and Creative Thinking Skills