Elementary Education
Grades 1st - 6th
Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Bolded classes are strongly recommended to be completed as suggested to remain on a four-year plan
*Asterisked classes indicate that admission to Teacher Education is required for enrollment
^Caret symbol indicates classes with observation or practical experience included

Advisement is a shared responsibility. This program guide is accurate only when validated with a current audit.

Please note grade requirements. A 'B-' is not a 'B' or higher. A 'C-' is not a 'C' or higher. Please refer to your syllabi for grading scales.

Excluding the FOUNDATIONS area, students may count no more than 3 classes with the same course code toward the general education requirement.

Semester 1

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
IDS 110 – Student Success	2	C
EDU 150 – Introduction to Teaching (optional)	1	B
MTH 130 or higher – Contemporary Mathematics	3	C
ENG 110 – Writing I	3	C
BIO 100 Biological Science for Educators	4	C
PSY 121 Introductory Psychology	3	C
Total Credit Hours	16	

Semester 2
(Take approved entrance exam if needed)

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
HST 121 OR 122 – Survey of US History	3	C
ENG 210 or ENG 221 – Writing II: Academic Writing	3	C
COM 115 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	C
PHY 101 Physics by Inquiry for Educators **OR** CHM 116/117 (1 sci lab req for AAT/2 required for BSEd)	4	C
EDU 250 – Foundations of American Education	3	B
Total Credit Hours	16	

Semester 3

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
^EDU 202 Introduction to Elementary Education & Clinical/Field Experience	3	B
MTH 220 - Foundations of Mathematics for Teachers	3	C
GRY 142 – Introductory Physical Geography	4	C
PLS 101 – American Democracy and Citizenship	3	C
EDU 260 – Educational Psychology	3	B
During EDU 202 Apply to MSU – Springfield and request Transcripts and test scores sent.		
Total Credit Hours	16	

Semester 4
(Apply to Graduate with AAT)

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
ENG 234 – Literature for Children	3	B
MTH 260 - Foundations of Geometry for Teachers	3	C
ART 200 – Art in Context	3	C
EDU 265 – Educational Applications of Technology and Media	3	B
SOC 150 – Principles of Sociology	3	C
◆**If planning to pursue Elem BSEd through Outreach LTC 318 – Foundations of Literacy Instruction**	3	B
Total Credit Hours	15 + 3 = 18	

Admission to Teacher Education is required before semester 5. After all requirements are met, you will be admitted at the next EPPC meeting. * See back page*

Semester 5

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
***^ELE 410 Teaching & Learning in the Elementary Classroom**	3	B
LTC 420 Methods of Assessing & Personalizing Reading & Writing	3	B
^LTC 421 Practicum-Methods of Assessing & Personalizing Reading & Writing	2	B
GRY 142 – Introductory Physical Geography	4	C
SPE 310 – Introduction to Special Education	3	B
Total Credit Hours	15	

Semester 6

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
***^ELE 429 Methods of Teaching Mathematics in Elementary Schools**	3	B
***^ELE 434 Methods of Teaching Science in Elementary Schools**	3	B
***^ELE 438 Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Schools**	3	B
***^ELE 425 Methods of Teaching Communication Arts in Elementary Schools**	3	B
EDC 345 – Introduction to Multicultural Education and Diversity	3	B
Total Credit Hours	15	

Student teaching applications are due February 1 if student teaching in the upcoming fall, or August 1 if student teaching in the upcoming spring. Review the Student Teaching, Graduation, & Certification Timeline.

Semester 7 (Take the MoCA)

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
***^ELE 500 Current Issues & Applications in Elementary Education**	4	B
***^ELE 510 The Reflective Practitioner**	3	B
***ELE 501 Home/School/Community Relationships with Elementary Children & their Families**	2	B
***ELE 530 Teaching English Language Learners in the Elementary Classroom**	2	B
***EDT 520 Technologies in Contemporary School Setting**	1	B
Total Credit Hours	12	

Semester 8 STUDENT TEACHING

	Credit Hours	Grade Req
***^ELE 495 Supervised Teaching (Elementary)**	6	B
***^ELE 496 Supervised Teaching (Elementary)**	6	B
Total Credit Hours	12	

Student Teaching is 40 hours per week Monday through Friday in the classroom. A MoCA attempt is required before starting student teaching.

MEES Assessment is completed during student teaching

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During EDU 202 (Complete with B minimum grade):
[Apply to MSU – Springfield](#) as a transfer student from MSU – West Plains
-Request Transcripts/test scores be sent from West Plains to Springfield.

While enrolled in SPE 310 and LTC 318 (Complete with a B minimum grade):
Admission to Teacher Education Program will be granted when you meet the following Criteria:

- 30+ hours of college credit
- COM 115 minimum grade C
- EDU 202 minimum grade B
- Passing score on approved [Entrance Exam](#) (**ONE** of the following)
  - MoGEA: Math, Reading, AND Writing score of 167
  - ACT Composite or Superscore: 17
  - SAT Composite or Superscore: 920
  - Paraprofessional Test: 220
  - Elem Ed MoCA: 220
- [MOVECHS](#) Waiver: Found at My Missouri State > Teacher Education Resources box/card > MOVECHS Waiver
  - Complete Fingerprinting following instructions found on MOVECHS waiver (cost is $41.75)
- Complete Professionalism Contract: Found at My Missouri State > Teacher Education Resources box/card
- Complete Student Contract: Found at My Missouri State > Teacher Education Resources box/card
- Complete Dispositions Traits Self-Assessment (will be sent to your MSU email account)

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