

Department of Teaching and Learning

**B.S. in Elementary Education: Career Development Track
Fall 2025**

Program Description

The Elementary Education: Career Development Major prepares students for careers that draw on educational expertise but do not require teacher certification. It is well suited for roles in government, nonprofit organizations, educational policy, curriculum development, business, or private schools—settings where knowledge of child development and educational systems is valuable. While focused on elementary education (grades K–6), this major does not lead to certification. It includes field school placements and a practicum to support broad professional development and enhance students' professional preparation.

(NOTE: This track does not result in teacher certification.)

Admission Requirements

1. Successful completion of 60 credit hours of lower-division coursework or an AA degree from an accredited institution
2. University Core Curriculum/General Education must be complete
3. Major pre-requisites (listed below) must be taken and passed with a minimum grade of C

Course:		Credit Hours:
EDF 1005*	Introduction to Education	3

*Course requires field experience hours

Additional Lower Division Recommended courses:

Course:		Credit Hours:
EME 2040	Introduction to Educational Technology	3

*Course requires field experience hours

Program of Study

The program of studies is as follows:

- Total credits:120:
- All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of “C”
- Courses marked with an asterisk may require field hours which will require compliance with the Jessica Lunsford Act. Information about these requirements can be obtained from the Offices of Clinical Experiences in ZEB 130. Other courses may also have field requirements.

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CORE A (18 Credits)		
EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EDG 3321	Creating and Managing Teaching Environments: Instructional Decision and Classroom Management Environments	3
RED 3313	Language and Literacy Development	3
IDS 3333	Diversity of Meaning: Language, Culture, and Gender in Society	3
SSE 4380	Developing a Global Perspective	3
EDF 4604	Cultural and Social Foundations of Education	3
CORE B (18 Credits)		
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
MAE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Math	3
RED 4150*	Content and Methods of Teaching Beginning Literacy (<i>Prerequisite: RED 3313</i>)	3
SCE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
SSE 4312	Content and Methods of Teaching Social Studies	3
TSL 3080*	ESOL Issues: Principles and Practice I* (GL)	3

CORE C (12 Credits)		
RED 4311	Content and Methods of Teaching Intermediate and Secondary Literacy (<i>Prerequisites: RED 3313, RED 4150</i>)	3
RED 4110*	Content and Methods of Teaching Literacy in Schools (<i>Prerequisites: RED 3313, RED 4150, RED 4311</i>)	3
SCE 4311*	Advanced Content Methods of Teaching Elementary Science (<i>Prerequisite: SCE 4310</i>)	3
MAE 4312*	Advanced Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Mathematics (<i>Prerequisite: MAE 4310</i>) (Fall/Spring only)	3
SSE 4352	Pedagogies and Content of Elementary Social Studies (<i>Prerequisites: SSE4312</i>) (Fall/Spring only)	3
TSL 4081	ESOL Issues: Principles and Practices II (GL) (<i>Prerequisite: TSL 3080</i>)	
EEX 3012	Educational Needs of Students with Exceptionalities	3
EDG 4734	Educational and Cultural Preparation for International Teaching	3
EDG 4940	International Teaching Internship (<i>Prerequisite: EDG 4734</i>)	3
EDG 4943	Student Teaching Internship *Requires Approval	9
CORE D (3 CREDITS)		
EDG 3944*	Practicum in Teacher Preparation (<i>Prerequisites: RED 3313, MAE 4310, SCE 4310, SSE 4312</i>)	3

*Course requires field experience hours. Other courses may also have field requirements.

Graduation Requirements

- 1) FIU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- 2) University Foreign Language Requirement (FLENT/FLEX) must be met
- 3) University Summer Enrollment Requirement must be met
- 4) 45 semester hours must be in upper division courses
- 5) All program and University requirements must be met

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