



Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education provides the professional preparation necessary to teach grades K through 6, as well as the coursework necessary to earn the Reading and ESOL endorsement. State of Florida certification requirements are met through coursework, field experiences, a practicum, and student teaching.

Admission Requirements & Application

- A minimum lower-division GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Successful completion of 60 credit hours of lower-division coursework or an AA degree from an accredited institution
- University Core Curriculum/General Education must be completed
- 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
 - Lower-division credits: 60
 - Upper division: 60
- Students may register for a maximum of 15 credits prior to admission to the program
- All courses and FTCE testing requirements must be satisfied prior to student teaching
- All program courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C"

Course:		Credit Hours:
First Semester (12 hours)		
EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EDG 3321	General Instructional Decision-Making	3
RED 3313	Language and Literacy Development	3
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
Second Semester (12 hours)		
TSL 3080*	ESOL Principles and Practices I (GL)	3
SCE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
RED 4150*	Content and Methods of Teaching Beginning Literacy (<i>Prerequisite: RED 3313</i>)	3
ARE 3313*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Art (Fall/Spring only)	3
Third Semester (12 hours)		
MAE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Math	3
SCE 4311*	Advanced Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
SSE 4312	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Social Studies	3
RED 4311*	Content and Methods of Teaching Intermediate Literacy (<i>Prerequisites: RED 3313, RED 4150</i>)	3
Fourth Semester (15 hours)		
EDG 3944*	Practicum in Teacher Preparation (<i>Prerequisites: RED 3313, MAE 4310, SCE 4310, SSE 4312</i>) Includes 40 field hours	3
MAE 4312	Advanced Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Math (<i>Prerequisite: MAE 4310</i>) (Fall/Spring only)	3

RED 4110*	Content and Methods of Teaching Literacy in Schools (Prerequisites: RED 3313, RED 4150, RED 4311)	3
SSE 4352*	Pedagogies and Content of Elementary Social Studies (Prerequisites: SSE4312) (Fall/Spring only)	3
TSL 4081*	ESOL Principles and Practices II (GL) (Prerequisite: TSL 3080)	3
Senior Seminar & Student Teaching (9 hours)		
EDE 4943	Student Teaching Internship	9

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

Student Teaching

All courses must be completed prior to the start of student teaching and all exams; FTCE: General Knowledge Test FTCE: Professional Exam and FTCE: Subject Area Exam must be taken, passed, and official scores received by FIU three weeks prior to student teaching. Students must be FULLY admitted to their program to apply for student teaching. Students may apply for student teaching in the Office of Field Experiences by February 1st for the Fall semester student teaching and June 1st for Spring semester student teaching.

Graduation Requirements

- FIU cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- University Foreign Language Requirement (FLENT/FLEX) must be met
- University Summer Enrollment Requirement must be met
- 45 semester hours must be in upper division courses
- All program and University requirements must be met

For more information on our programs go to http://education.fiu.edu/bachelors_degrees.html. If you still have questions, please email Dr. Maria Tsalikis maria.tsalikis@fiu.edu or call her at (305) 348-2778.

Your Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) Testing Checklist

General Knowledge Test

Complete by 72 credits

Professional Education Test

Complete by 84 credits

Subject Area Exam

Complete by 96 credits

 **Tip:** Don't wait! These tests are required for graduation, to progress through your program, and to be eligible for student teaching.

 **Important:** Testing holds will be placed at key credit milestones to help ensure you're making progress. These holds are designed to keep you on track and connected with your advisor.

 **Register for your exams at:** <https://www.fl.nesinc.com/>