

Elementary Education Major

Bachelor of Arts, BA

The program in elementary education produces well-qualified elementary teachers for grades 2–6 and meets the majority of certification requirements in the states in which most Converse graduates prefer to teach. Students wishing to pursue this program should meet with an appropriate adviser as soon as possible. Beginning in Fall 2020 all elementary education majors are required to pass the PRAXIS Subject Assessments required for certification in their area of student teaching in order to be placed in a student teaching setting. Teacher candidates should verify the test code numbers of the South Carolina requirement PRAXIS requirements, because the codes are subject to change.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Candidates will use teaching strategies that encourage students' development of critical thinking and problem solving.
2. Candidates apply concepts from reading, language and child development, to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills.
3. Candidates use formal and informal assessment strategies to plan, evaluate and strengthen instruction.

Required Courses

Teacher candidates may take courses only in Benchmark I before being admitted to the Teacher Education Program. See the departmental web page for a list of Benchmark courses and other important information.

Students in this major must complete all admission requirements for the Teacher Education Program and two sequential, incremental clinicals. In the first clinical, EDU 101, they observe and work with an individual child (usually in grades 1-2) on reading instruction. In the second clinical, EDU 103, they work with large group instruction in an elementary setting. The students' transcripts will reflect the completion of these clinicals.

Item #	Title	Credits
EDU 101	CLINICAL I: READING	1
EDU 103	CLINICAL II: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	3
EDU 301	READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS IN THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM	3
EDU 303	MATHEMATICS FOR THE ELEMENTARY CHILD	3
EDU 309	LITERATURE FOR THE CHILD	3
EDU 314	SCIENCE FOR THE CHILD	3
EDU 315	SOCIAL STUDIES FOR THE CHILD	3
EDU 336	LANGUAGE ARTS: INTEGRATING INTERMEDIATE READING AND WRITING	3
EDU 360	INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION	3
EDU 361	CURRICULUM DESIGN AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	3
EDU 372	DIAGNOSTICS AND METHODS IN ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM	3
EDU 409	ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM	3
EDU 412a	DIRECTED STUDENT TEACHING: ELEMENTARY	12
SED 300	INTRODUCTION TO EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS	3
PSY 380	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	3
Sub-Total Credits		52

Course Selection

Choose one from the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 311	ART FOR THE CHILD	3
MUE 370	MUSIC FOR THE CHILD	3
HPE 393	HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS	3
Sub-Total Credits		3
Total Credits		55