When you complete the elementary program, you are prepared to teach in elementary education K-8. To teach up to 8th grade, an approved teaching minor must be completed.

**OUR MISSION**

We work within our communities to prepare caring, competent educators and to promote equitable, inclusive, and transformative education practices.

**Community:** We recognize that effective educator preparation is a cooperative endeavor involving faculty and staff members within the Teacher Education Department, the Moyes College of Education, and Weber State University. Our community also includes school districts, administrators, and teachers as well as professional organizations. Our success depends on effective and consistent collaboration between all groups.

**Caring, Competent Educators:** Our central aim is to ensure that teacher candidates develop necessary skills and dispositions as outlined in the Utah Effective Teaching Standards. We also acknowledge that it is of indispensable importance that each teacher develops an enduring ethic of care—the propensity and ability to meet the educational needs of each student.

**Equitable, Inclusive, and Transformative Education Practices:** We believe that processes and institutions of teaching and learning can and should become increasingly equitable, promoting the well being of all students, with special emphasis on underserved populations. To that end, we are committed, where necessary, to transforming the attitudes and beliefs of teacher candidates and to extending our research and professional outreach in shaping general educational practice and policy.

**WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS?**

Visit the department website at weber.edu/teachered

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**Mathematics Specialization (9 credit hours)**  
(Choose three courses from the following):  
MTH 3060 Probability and Statistics for Elem Teachers  
MTH 3070 Geometry for Elementary Teachers  
MTH 3080 Number Theory for Elementary Teachers  
MTH 4040 Math Problem Solving for Elem Teachers

**Mathematics Level II Endorsement (19 credit hours)**  
See advisor early in choosing this option.  
MATH 1150 Trigonometry  
MTH 3060 Probability and Statistics for Elem Teachers (Spor)  
MTH 3070 Geometry for Elementary Teachers (Fall)  
MTH 3080 Number Theory for Elementary Teachers (Fall)  
MTH 4040 Math Problem Solving for Elem Teachers (Spring)  
MATH 1150 Calculus I

**Art**  
ART CA 1010 Introduction to the Visual Arts  
ART CA 1030 Art and Architecture of the World  
Paleolithic AD 1000  
ART CA 1100 Art and Architecture of the World AD 1000-Present  
ART 1110 Drawing I  
ART 1150 Basic Photography  
ART 1170 Design: 2D  
ART 1180 Design: 3D  
ART 2310 Introduction to Ceramic Art  
ART 2400 Painting I  
ART 2650 Watercolor Painting  
ART 2700 Sculpture I

**Early Childhood**  
ECED 2500 Development of the Child  
ECED 2600 Intro to Early Childhood Education  
ECED 2610 Child Guidance  
ECED 3640 Family, School & Community Partnerships  
ECED 2110 Self-Compassion and Wisely to Sustain Work with Children  
ECED 2620 Planning Creative Experiences for Young Children  
ECED 3520 Young Children: Adversity and Resilience  
ECED 3570 Infants and Toddlers: Development & Practice  
ECED 4110 Language Development and Emergent Literacy in Early Childhood  
ECED 4230 Assessment and Observation in Context  
ECED 4620 Inclusive Early Childhood Curriculum  
ECED 4630 Young Children’s Play  
ECED 4730 ECE/ECCE Program Development

**Music (Recommended)**  
MUSC* 1010 Introduction to Music  
MUSC 1100 Fundamentals of Musicianship  
MUSC 1063 Music in Religion  
MUSC 1100 Fundamentals of Musicianship  
MUSC 1100 Fundamentals of Musicianship  
MUSC 3824 Music for Elementary Teachers

**Physical Education**  
PESP 2000 Foundations of Physical Education  
PESP 3180 Principles of Motor Learning & Motor Development  
PESP 3290 Methods of Teaching Fitness for Life

**Fine Arts (Recommended)**  
1. **Art**  
   ART CA 1010 Introduction to the Visual Arts  
   ART 1130 Drawing I  
   ART 1120 Design: 20  
   ART 1130 Design: 30  
   ART 2650 Watercolor Painting

2. **Dance**  
   DANC CA 1010 Introduction to Dance  
   DANC 1450 Special Topic Dance Form  
   DANC 3320 Techniques and Materials  
   DANC* 3640 Teaching Creative Movement in Elementary School

3. **Music**  
   MUSC* 1010 Introduction to Music  
   MUSC 1100 Fundamentals of Musicianship  
   MUSC 3824 Music for Elementary Teachers

4. **Theatre**  
   THEA HU 1013 Introduction to Theatre  
   THEA 4603 Creative Drama

5. **Education**  
   EDUC 3400 Creative Processes in Elementary School

**General Sciences**  
Physical Sciences  
CHEM PS1860 Principles of Physical Science  
or  
PHYS PS1860 Principles of Physical Science  
GEOG PS3850 Principles of Earth Science

Life Sciences  
BINTL LS1370, or MIND LS1370 or ZOOL LS1370 Principles of Life Science

At least one (1) of these courses or another science laboratory course is required.  
Other science classes can count for the area of specialization; please see an advisor for more information.

**Social Sciences**  
1. **History** (One course required)  
   HIST 1500 World History to 1500  
   HIST 1510 World History 1500 to Present  
   HIST 2700 American History to 1877  
   HIST 2710 American History 1877 to Present  
   HIST 4130 History of Utah  
   At least one (1) of these courses or another science laboratory course is required. Other science classes can count for the area of specialization; please see an advisor for more information.

2. **Geography** (One course required)  
   GEOG 3100 Places and People of the World  
   GEOG SS1520 Geography of the U.S. and Canada  
   GEOG 3500 Geography of Utah

3. **Economics**  
   ECON SS1010 Economics as a Social Science  
   ECON A1740 Economic History of the U.S.

4. **Political Science**  
   POLS A1100 American National Government  
   POLS 3790 Urban Government and Politics  
   POLS 3600 Political Parties and Elections

**International Education**  
EDUC 3300 Introduction to International Education: Case Studies  
EDUC 4400 International Education Experiences: Study Abroad

**Elementary Education**
**why choose us?**
- Preparation to be an effective educator
- Opportunities for continued professional development in the processes of teaching and student learning in a changing global society.
- Accredited by the Council of Accreditation for Educator Preparation
- Low student/faculty ratio

What degree is available?
Bachelor of Science (BS)

**what are the employment opportunities?**
There is a high placement rate upon graduation. The major will prepare you to teach in elementary education. WSU graduates are hired by local districts as well as districts throughout Utah and around the country.

What are the starting salaries for graduates?
In Utah, starting salaries in 2021 range from $46,000 to $50,000 depending on the district, with the potential of earning $65,000 to $80,000 with several years of service and additional education.

What will I learn in the program?
WSU teacher preparation programs are based on Utah Effective Teaching Standards that address the content knowledge, teaching skills, and professional dispositions for beginning teachers. At the conclusion of your program, you will be able to:
1. Demonstrate mastery of the subject matter that you teach;
2. Use knowledge of child/adolescent development and diversity to teach all of today’s children;
3. Learn how to plan curriculum, use technology, and foster communication in ongoing instructional planning; and
4. Collaborate with others as you reflect upon your professional teacher preparation.

Is there an application deadline?
If you are starting in the fall semester, you must apply before June 1 for that fall semester.

**required courses**
The required courses are listed inside this sheet. All listed requirements are subject to change. Always consult an advisor for current requirements.

**Admission Requirements**
- Declare your major as Elementary Education in the Department of Teacher Education.
- Admission to the teacher education program is a separate process from WSU admission and is on a provisional basis until the semester you student teach.
- Admission into the teacher education program is a selective process. Here is the link for the admission materials: [http://www.weber.edu/teacher/how-to-apply](http://www.weber.edu/teacher/how-to-apply)
- In order to be admitted, you must be fingerprinted and have a background clearance check before starting the professional education course work. If the background check reveals criminal misconduct that has not been cleared by the Utah Professional Practice Commission, admission will be revoked.

Note: Students who complete A.S. in Education also meet general education and support course requirements.

**Advisement**
You should meet with an advisor in the Teacher Education Advisement Center, located in the Education Building, Room 230. Call 801-626-7694 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All listed requirements are subject to change. Always consult an advisor for current requirements.

**Graduate Requirements**
You must meet minimum grade requirements for major courses, maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher in all college work, and achieve at least a “B-” grade in each professional education course to continue in the program.

**course Requirements**
For elementary education majors, four (4) areas of course work are required.
1. General education/degree requirements
2. Support course requirements
3. Professional education course requirements
4. Area(s) of specialization or teaching minor

**General Education/degree Requirements**
- Composition
- Quantitative Literacy

**Degree Requirements**
- Diversity Requirement

**Support Course Requirements**
Support courses will not be counted in specialization areas. Support courses may be taken prior to admission to the teacher education program and must be taken prior to enrolling in education methods courses for which they are prerequisites.

**Professional Education Course Requirements**
For all 3000 and 4000 level EDUC courses are open only to students who have been provisionally admitted to the Teacher Education Program. (See teacher education admission requirements.)

You will need to register concurrently for all courses in a level.

**Level 1 (14 credit hours)**
- EDUC 2215 Media Integration in Elementary Education Settings
- EDUC 2010 Reading in the Primary Grades
- EDUC 2017 Culturally Linguistically Responsive Teaching
- EDUC 2370 Differentiation and Collaboration for Inclusive Teaching

**Level 2 (13 credit hours)**
- EDUC 2130 Curriculum, Instructional Planning & Assessment
- EDUC 2120 Elementary Level II Pracmptum
- EDUC 2320 Data Analysis for Elementary Teachers and Math Pedagogy
- EDUC 2140 Reading Instruction in the Intermediate Grades
- EDUC 4345 Elementary Integrated Arts Methods

**Level 3 (17 credit hours)**
- EDUC 3180 Elementary Social Studies Methods
- EDUC 4102 Elementary Level II Pracmptum
- EDUC 4150 Elementary Language Arts Methods
- EDUC 4330 Elementary Science Methods
- EDUC 4450 Elementary Mathematics Pedagogy
- PEP 3200 Methods of Teaching Physical Education and Health for Elementary Teachers

**Level 4 (12 credit hours)**
- EDUC 4640 Student Teaching
- EDUC 4650 Integrated Elementary Education Student Teaching Seminar and Synthesis

**Required Area of Specialization**
Choose one 3-credit area of specialization or two 5-hour areas that are listed below. You can also choose minors in other areas as long as you have 18 credit hours. For further information concerning the courses involved, see the Teacher Ed. Advisement Center, ED 230.

**Elementary Education Specializations**
- ESL
  - Early Childhood
  - General Science
  - Foreign Language
  - Music
  - Mathematics
  - Physics Education
  - Fine Arts
  - Social Science
- ELA
  - Early Childhood
  - General Science
  - Foreign Language
  - Music
  - Mathematics
  - Physics Education
  - Fine Arts

In order to teach up to the 8th grade, an approved teaching minor must be completed. Please visit our website or scan the QR code to see the secondary list of teaching minors. You can also choose Mathematics Level II Endorsement and courses are listed on the next page.

**ESL Specialization (9 credit hours)**
- EDUC 4550 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Implementation
- ENGL 4420 English Phonology and Syntax for ESL/Blguing Teachers
- EDUC 4270 Literacy Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners

**ESL Academic Teaching Methods/Endorsement**
In addition to the three courses listed above, the following courses are required for the Academic Teaching Minor.
- ENGL 4440 Strategies and Methodology of Teaching ESL/Blguing
- ENGL 4440 ESL Blguing Assessment: Theories, Methods and Practices
- EDUC 4740 Building School Partnerships with ESL/Blguing Families
- EDUC 4776 Field Experience in ESL/Blguing Ed (taken w/ level IV)

**Field Experience**
- If 4000 Methods of Teaching a Foreign Language can be used in lieu of this course.

**Foreign Language**
Any of the Foreign Languages offered at WSU, including ASL, will count as a 9 hour specialization.