

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, BSED

Banner Code: E1-BSED-ELED

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This bachelor's degree provides teacher candidates with the specialized knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to meet the educational needs of students in grades PreK-6. The robust, well-rounded program of study includes general and content-specific methods courses designed to prepare reflective teachers who are responsive to students' diverse needs and ready to advance the 21st Century classroom. A strong partnership with local PK-6 schools ensures that teacher candidates are immersed in classroom settings with elementary students throughout their teacher preparation program. Graduates recognize and adapt to students' needs, interests and readiness levels through innovative, research-based pedagogical practices.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Students entering as freshmen with an interest in majoring in Elementary Education will initially be accepted into the Elementary Education, BSEd without concentration.

Four-Year Students

To declare a concentration in Elementary Education PK-6 (Licensure), four-year students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- attain a cumulative GPA of 2.50

To declare a concentration in Educational Studies (Non-Licensure), four-year students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- attain a cumulative GPA of 2.50

Degree-Seeking Transfer Students

To declare a concentration in Elementary Education PK-6 (Licensure), transfer students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.50 at previous institution or complete 12 credits at Mason with a 2.50 GPA

To declare a concentration in Educational Studies (Non-Licensure), transfer students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.50 at previous institution or complete 12 credits at Mason with a 2.50 GPA

Policies

Students in the BSEd in Elementary Education must maintain at least a 2.50 GPA and earn a C or better in their major and concentration coursework.

In addition to coursework, students in Virginia Department of Education licensure pathways must complete additional licensure requirements to fulfill graduation requirements. See Degree Requirements.

Termination from Program Policy:

Termination from the major may be imposed as a result of excessive repeating of required courses without achieving the minimum standard, and for other evidence of continued failure to make adequate progress toward completion of the major, including failure to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and failure to exhibit professional dispositions (<https://catalog.gmu.edu//cehd.gmu.edu/current-students/policies-and-procedures/>).

A grade of C or higher is required in each of the Elementary Education major courses (see Requirements section in this catalog for list of required major courses). Students will not be permitted to make more than three graded attempts to achieve a C or higher in each course. Once a student has attempted a major course twice unsuccessfully, they must meet with an academic advisor in order to develop a success plan and receive an override to register for the third attempt. Those who do not successfully complete a major course within three attempts will be terminated from the major.

Students have the right to appeal termination from major by following the CEHD academic appeal process (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 120

Mason Core

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements:		
	Written Communication (lower) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
ENGH 101	Composition (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
	Oral Communication (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)	3
MATH 272	Mathematics for the Elementary School Teachers II (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	

Information Technology and Computing (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)	3
ELED 257 Integrating Technology in PreK-6 (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Exploration Requirements:	
Arts (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
ARTH 101 Introduction to the Visual Arts (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Global Contexts (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)	3
GG5 101 Major World Regions (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Literature (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
ELED 258 Children's Literature: Exploring Stories, Art, and Power of Picturebooks (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Natural Science (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7-8
Two lab sciences in different disciplines (recommended)	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
EDUC 200 Introduction to Education: Teaching, Learning and Schools (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Global History (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
Integration Requirement:	
Written Communication (upper) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written-upper)	3
ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Mason Apex (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex)	3
Total Credits	40-41

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ELED 242	Foundations of Elementary Education	3
ELED 305	Foundations of Elementary Methods and Management (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ELED 390	Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration I	2

ELED 391	Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration II	1
ELED 401	Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
ELED 402	Differentiating Elementary Methods and Management	3
ELED 410	Emergent and Early Literacy	3
ELED 411	Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy	3
ELED 412	Writing Development, Processes and Pedagogy	3
ELED 421	STEM in the Elementary Classroom	3
ELED 443	Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, Ages 4-12	3
ELED 452	Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom	3
ELED 453	Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom	3
ELED 454	Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Integrating Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom	3
ELED 480	Practicum in Elementary Education (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
EDUC 301	Educating Diverse and Exceptional Learners	3

Total Credits **45**

Concentration in Educational Studies (Non-Licensure) (EDNL)

Code	Title	Credits
Choose 12 credits from the following or other education-related classes approved by advisor:		12
ECED 404	Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6	
EDCI 423	Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms	
EDEP 350	Perspectives on Achievement Motivation (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
EDSE 241	Characteristics of Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum	
EDSE 353	Individualized Behavior Supports	
EDSE 354	Consultation, Collaboration, and IEP Development	
ELED 422	Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings	
ELED 458	Cambridge Schools Experience	
ELED 495	Elementary Education Non-Licensure Clinical Experience	
PHED 330	Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers	

Total Credits **12**

Concentration in Elementary Education PK-6 (Licensure) (ECPK)

Code	Title	Credits
ELED 490	Internship in Elementary Education (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	9
Choose one course from the following:		3
ECED 404	Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6	
EDCI 423	Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms	
EDEP 350	Perspectives on Achievement Motivation (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
EDSE 241	Characteristics of Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum	
EDSE 353	Individualized Behavior Supports	
EDSE 354	Consultation, Collaboration, and IEP Development	
ELED 422	Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings	
PHED 330	Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers	
Total Credits		12

Licensure Requirements

Students enrolled in the licensure concentration (ECPK) must successfully complete the following licensure requirements to complete the program. Unless otherwise noted, all requirements must be satisfied prior to applying for internship:

- Emergency First Aid, Hands-on CPR and AED certification or training (prior to graduation).
- Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects
- Praxis Teaching Reading Elementary (5205)
- Completion of Content Area Coursework (completed and approved Content Area Review form)

Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal Code of Virginia.

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 25-26 credits of electives		25-26
Total Credits		25-26

4-Year Plan

Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education Sample Plan of Study

The sample plan below is a recommended sequencing of courses for the Concentration in Elementary Education PK-6 (Licensure) based on pre-requisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student's needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor and with PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

The 4-year plan for the Concentration in Education Studies (Non-Licensure) is identical to this for the first 7 semesters. For the 8th and final semester, students should consult with their advisor on course selection.

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ENGH 101	3	Oral Communication (COMM 101)	3
Natural Science with Lab	4	ELED 257	3
EDUC 200	3	ELED 258	3
Elective (UNIV 100 recommended)	1	Elective (GOVT 103 recommended)	3
Global History (HIST 125)	3	Elective (MATH 271 recommended)	3
14		15	

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
Natural Science with Lab (choose different discipline)	4	ENGH 302	3
ARTH 101	3	GGG 101	3
ELED 242	3	EDUC 301	3
MATH 272	3	Elective	3
Elective (HIST 121 or HIST 122 recommended)	3	Elective	3
16		15	

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ELED 305	3	ELED 391	1
ELED 390	2	ELED 401	3
ELED 443	3	ELED 411	3
ELED 454	3	ELED 452	3
ELED 410	3	ELED 453	3
Elective	1	Elective	2
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ELED 402	3	Program Elective	3
ELED 412	3	ELED 490	9
ELED 421	3	Elective	3
ELED 480	3		
Elective	3		
	15		15

Total Credits 120

Detailed four year plans and degree planning checklists can be found at <https://advising.gmu.edu/academic-planning/>.