Elementary Education

The field of teaching is one of our country’s most important social service professions. When you have earned the Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from Wichita State University, you’ll have gained the credentials for teaching kindergarten through sixth grade in Kansas schools, and with minor modifications, be eligible for licensure in other states. The degree provides a balance of general education, general professional education, specific knowledge related to elementary education, comprehensive training in methods of teaching and observation and internship with children.

Wichita State’s College of Education has more than 60 faculty members who work closely with you, maintain cooperative relationships with area school districts and remain active in their professional and research activities. Several have received university teaching awards and some have been recognized as leaders in their fields by professional societies.

Wichita State University students are provided with a variety of schools where they observe, work through cooperative education placements, and eventually student teach.

Admission to the Professional Courses

To be admitted to the professional courses, you will need to do the following:

1. 35 hours of general education with the following:
   - English Composition I (C- or better)
   - English Composition II (C- or better)
   - Basic Public Speaking (C- or better)
   - College Algebra or higher level math (C or better)
2. General Psychology
3. Elementary Statistics
4. Standardized Tests
   - PPST
     - Writing (172 or higher)
     - Reading (173 or higher)
     - Mathematics (172 or higher)
     - OR
   - ACT
     - Reading (22 or higher)
     - English (22 or higher)
     - Mathematics (22 or higher)
     - OR
5. Introduction to Teaching Profession and Field Experience (B- or better)
6. Grade Point Average (GPA)
   - Overall GPA 2.5
   - WSU GPA 2.5
   - 35 hours of general education GPA 2.75
7. A signed Attestation of Eligibility
8. A signed Grounds for Dismissal Policy
9. Background screening beginning August 1 (pending approval)

College of Education

The College of Education is accredited by all appropriate agencies, including the Kansas Board of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teaching Education. Transfer students are strongly encouraged to contact the Education Support Services (ESS) at (316) 978-3300.

For additional information about the College of Education, visit www.wichita.edu/education.

For more information

If you have further questions or would like to schedule a campus visit, please contact the Office of Admissions.

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 Office of Admissions
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 Wichita, KS 67260-0124
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Bachelor of Arts Degree: Elementary Education

General Education Requirements

**Basic Skills** (12 hours minimum)
Must be completed in the first 48 college hours and a C- or better. ACT/AP/CLEP/CRE/equivalent courses or courses requiring the basic skills course as a prerequisite may be substituted for basic skills courses.
- College English Composition (Eng. 100 or 101 and 102) - 6 credit hours
- Public Speaking (Communication 111) - 3 credit hours
- College Algebra (Mathematics 111) - 3 credit hours

**Fine Arts and Humanities** (12 hours minimum)
- One introductory course from a fine arts discipline - 3 credit hours
- Two introductory courses in two different humanities disciplines. One must be U.S. History - 6 credit hours
- Plus, a further study course from the same discipline as one of the introductory courses or an issues and perspective course in fine arts or humanities - 3 credit hours

**Social and Behavioral Sciences** (9 hours minimum)
- Two introductory courses in two different social and behavioral science disciplines. One must be General Psychology - 6 credit hours
- Plus, a further study course from the same discipline as one of the introductory courses or an issues and perspectives course in the social and behavioral sciences - 3 credit hours

**Mathematics and Natural Sciences** (9 hours minimum)
- Two introductory courses: A Life Science and Statistics - 6 credit hours
- Plus, a further study course from the same discipline as one of the introductory courses or an issues and perspectives course in mathematics and natural sciences - 3 credit hours

**Professional Education and Elementary and ECU Courses**

**Core I (Intro to Diversity)**
- CESP 334 Human Development - 2 credit hours
- CI 321 Cultural Issues - 2 credit hours
- CI 320 Exceptionalities - 2 credit hours
- CI 311 Field Experience - 1 credit hour
- CI 323 Technology Seminar in Elem. Ed. - 1 credit hour

**Core IIa**
- CI 402E Instructional Strategies, Assessment & Management: Elementary Teaching Early Literacy (K-2) - 3 credit hours
- CI 402J Instructional Strategies, Assessment & Management: Elementary Social Studies - 4 credit hours
- CI 411A Pre-student Teaching Experience - 2 credit hours

**Core IIb**
- CI 402I Instructional Strategies, Assessment & Management: Elementary Teaching Intermediate Literacy (3-6) - 2 credit hours
- CI 402M Instructional Strategies, Assessment & Management: Elementary Mathematics - 3 credit hours
- CI 402M Instructional Strategies, Assessment & Management: Elementary Science - 4 credit hours
- CI 411B Pre-student Teaching Experience - 2 credit hours

**Core III**
- CI 446 Student Teaching & Classroom Management Seminar: Elementary - 2 credit hours
- CI 447 Elementary Student Teaching - 11 credit hours

**Licensure Tests**
- Principles of Learning and Teaching
- Praxis II Content Knowledge

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