

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

A major component of professional education coursework involves clinical experiences in area schools. These field experiences are developmentally sequenced opportunities to apply learning to the field of practice, culminating in a year-long student teaching experience. Such structured and sequenced experiences expose students to the full range of responsibilities of today's educators while furthering learning and skill development and nurturing dispositions.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- Elementary Education STEM Certificate
- Master of Science in Elementary Education
- Master of Science in Elementary Teaching

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Elementary & Literacy Education department offers a premier 21st-century teacher education experience for undergraduate and graduate students. During the first two years, students complete program requirements designed to build knowledge of content across multiple disciplines. During the final two years, students are admitted into a cohort.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Learning Skills
- Life Skills
- Literacy Skills
- Time Management
- Social Skills
- Organization

CAREERS

- Elementary Teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Special Education Teacher
- Direct Support Professional
- Counselor
- Youth Activities Coordinator

EMPLOYERS

- Eden Prairie School District
- Jefferson Elementary School
- Litchfield Public Schools
- Mankato Area Public Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- STARBASE Minnesota

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.1%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 437
Respondents: 365
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$63,670
The median annual wage for Elementary School Teachers in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Elementary School Teachers, at link.mnsu.edu/elementary-education-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



ed.mnsu.edu/ele



SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, BS

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
FYEX 100 First Year Seminar (1) ENG 101 Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric (4) THEA 101 Acting for Everyone (3) STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4) HLTH 240 Drug Education (3)	CHEM 100 Chemistry in Society (4) GEOG 105 Introduction to Geospatial Technologies (3) MATH 201 Elements of Mathematics I (3) AIS 211 Native America to 1900 (3) ART 225 Developing Creativity: Approaches and Techniques (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
COMM 100 Fundamentals of Communication (3) GEOL 100 Our Geologic Environment (3) ED 101 Introduction to Critical Race Theory in Education (3) MATH 202 Elements of Mathematics II (3) ELE 222W Human Relations in a Multicultural Society (3)	SPED 108 Human Services and Disabilities (3) ENG 125 International Children's Literature (3) ELE 215 Introduction to Educational Psychology and Instruction in the Elementary Classroom (4) ENG 325 Children's Literature (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
ELE 410 Creating Anti-Racist Environments with Field Experience (4) ELE 411 Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction in the Early Grades (4) ELE 412 Social Studies: Human Diversity, Power, & Opportunity in Elementary School (4) ELE 413 Understanding the Needs of Individual Students (4)	ELE 420 Planning & Assessment for Diverse Learners with Field Experience (4) ELE 421 Integrating Critical Literacies to Promote Equity Across the Elem Curriculum (4) ELE 422 Mathematics Teaching and Learning for the Diverse Elementary Classroom (4) ELE 423 Science Teaching and Learning for the Diverse Elementary Classroom (4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
ELE 430W Integrating Creative Arts and Physical Education in the Elementary Classroom (4) ELE 431 Integrating Inquiry across the Elementary Curriculum (4) ELE 432 Field Experience: Integrating Methods in the Elementary Classroom (4) ENG 491 Teaching English Language Learners in the Mainstream Classroom (4)	ELE 440 Student Teaching (12)

For more information about program requirements, visit:
mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog

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