ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.
Teach 2nd through 6th grade.
Make a difference. Become an Elementary Teacher.

THE PROGRAM
You will gain the professional knowledge and skills necessary to be a highly effective teacher in grades 2-6. Your studies will focus on engaging children in inquiry-based lessons, developing elementary curriculum, and using student data to inform instruction. You will have experiences in authentic elementary classroom settings, where you will work side-by-side with award-winning professors and experienced classroom teachers. You will learn innovative teaching methods through these guided experiences in diverse elementary school settings.

State reciprocity and our national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master’s degree programs during their first years of teaching.

EMBEDDED COURSES
In addition to your many field experiences and internships, you will benefit from embedded methods courses that meet in local elementary schools, are co-led by university-based education faculty and school-based teachers. These embedded courses are a focal point for the program and provide opportunities for you to immediately put into practice in a real elementary classroom setting the instructional strategies you learn.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
This program has been accredited by:
• Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
• Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
2023-2024

TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.

FRESHMAN

Fall
- Reading and Composition
- Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
- United States History
- Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring
- Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
- Rhetoric and Composition
- Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
- American National Government
- Biology

SOPHOMORE

Fall
- Learners and the Diversity of Learning
- Schools in Communities
- Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching I: PK-8
- Geography
- Earth Science

Spring
- Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for the Elementary Classroom*
- Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching II: PK-8
- Physical Science
- Economics
- Additional required Carolina Core Course

JUNIOR

Fall
- Nature and Management of Elementary Classrooms*
- Introduction to Classroom Assessment
- Introduction to Exceptional Children
- Art or Music for Children and Schools
- Children’s Literature

Spring
- Elementary Mathematics Instruction*
- Introductory Elementary Internship*
- Elementary Literacy Instruction*
- Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher*

SENIOR

Fall
- Elementary Science Instruction*
- Elementary Social Studies Instruction
- Reading Assessment*
- Internship in Environments, Planning, and Motivation for Teaching and Learning*

Spring
- Seminar on Teaching
- Internship in Elementary Education*

*Indicates courses with experiences in a school setting.

South Carolina Teacher Loan
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