

Department of EDUCATION

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Majors: A.A.

Early Childhood Education (non-licensure)

Majors: B.A.

Early Childhood Education	Birth-3rd gr. (non-licensure)
Elementary Education	K-6
English Education	5-12
Mathematics Education	5-12
Science Education	5-12
Social Studies Education	5-12
Health & Physical Education	P-12
Music Education	P-12

Minors:

Early Childhood Education (non-licensure)
Special Education (with dual licensure option K-6 or 5-12)

Department Mission

Within the context of a biblical worldview, the mission of the Bethel College Education Department is to prepare effective and innovative candidates to be wise decision-makers and teachers who positively impact students in a variety of school settings.

The education department provides a firm educational and spiritual foundation to prepare candidates to meet the demands of the 21st century classroom. Through the department's experientially-based programs candidates acquire the content needed to teach, develop the skills to motivate and inspire learning, and practice the dispositions needed to create caring classroom environments where all students can succeed.

The programs in the education department are accredited by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Individual programs have national recognition from National Association of Sports & Physical Education (NASPE), National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), and National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education B.A. Degree

The early childhood curriculum combines a strong teaching methods foundation with courses in emergent literacy, child development, nutrition, and childcare administration. Candidates are prepared to pursue careers in Head Start, preschools, day cares and other community-based programs.

Non-licensure

Bethel Core			HOURS
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
BIBL	216	New Testament	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament	3
		Science with Lab (life science)	4
MUED	344	Music in the Elementary School	2
MATH	281	Math for Teachers I	3
HIST	246	Introduction to World Civilizations, or	3
HIST	242	United States History I or	(3)
HIST	243	United States History II	(3)
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Year Experience	1
		Foreign Language 2 semesters, or	6
		1 semester at 200 (Intermediate) level	(3)
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
LIT		Literature	3
			48-51
Major			
KINE	131	First Aid/CPR	0.5
KINE	250	Rhythmic Activities	1
PSYC	284	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED	111	Intro to Early Childhood	3
ECED	112	Nutrition, Health & Safety for Early Childhood	3
ECED	215	Understanding Special Needs	3
ECED	316	Early Childhood Learning Environment	4
ECED	313	Child Care Administration	3
ELED	221	Children's Literature	3
ELED	305	Teaching in the Primary Grades	3
ECED/ELED	311	Emergent Literacy	3
ART	312	Art Education in the Elementary School	2
ECED	415	Content Methods	4
ECED	416	Methods Field Experience	0
ECED	425	Early Childhood Student Teaching (B.A. Degree)	2-5
ECED	426	Early Childhood Student Teaching Seminar	0-1
			37.5-41.5
		Electives needed to complete the degree	27.5-34.5
		Total credits	120

			HOURS
Recommended electives:			
SOC	252	Marriage and Family	3
SOC	202	Racial and Cultural Minorities	3
SOC	305	Parenting	3

Early Childhood Education Major A.A. Degree

(Non-licensure)

Bethel Core

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COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature or	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	(3)
ART	312	Art Education in Elementary School or	2
MUED	344	Music for Teachers	(2)
		Science with a lab	<u>4</u>
			27-28

Major

KINE	100	Lifelong Physical Awareness	0.5
KINE	131	First Aid/CPR	0.5
KINE	250	Rhythmic Activities	1
PSYC	284	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED	111	Introduction to Early Childhood	3
ECED	112	Nutrition, Health & Safety for Early Childhood	3
ECED	215	Understanding Special Needs	3
ECED	316	Early Childhood Learning Environment	4
ELED	221	Children's Literature	3
ECED/ELED	311	Emergent Literacy	3
ECED	312	Early Childhood Student Teaching (A.A. Degree)	3
ECED	426	Early Childhood Student Teaching Seminar	<u>0-1</u>
			26.5-27.5

Electives needed to complete the degree

4.5-6.5

Total credits

60

Early Childhood Education Minor

(Non-licensure)

Bethel Core

ECED	111	Intro to Early Childhood	3
ECED	215	Understanding Special Needs	3
ECED	311	Emergent Literacy, or	3
ELED	421	Reading Methods I	(3)
ECED	316	Early Childhood Learning Environment	4
ECED	415	Content Methods	4
ECED	416	Methods Field Experience	<u>0</u>
Total credits			17

Admission to Teacher Licensure Programs

To be admitted to elementary, secondary, and all-grade teacher licensure programs, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Achieved sophomore status
2. Have a minimum 2.70 grade point average on all college work
3. Complete ENGL 101, 102 and EDUC 102 with a grade of “C-” or better
4. Obtain at least the minimum scores currently required by the Indiana State Board of Education on the Core Academic Skills Assessments (CASA)
5. Successfully complete the Teacher Education Interview

Elementary Education Major - B.A. Degree

The major in elementary education prepares candidates to teach kindergarten through sixth grade in public, private and international schools. The programs combines a strong content knowledge focus with choices for content minors or concentrations. Varied, and multiple field experiences give candidates the practical experience needed to be effective teachers. An emphasis is placed upon meeting the needs of all students in today’s highly diverse classrooms

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COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
		Foreign Language 2 semesters, or 1 semester at 200 (Intermediate) level	6 (3)
HIST	246	Intro to World Civilizations	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
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		Literature	3
MATH	281	Math for Teachers I	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Year Experience	1
		Physical Science/lab	4
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
			<u>46-49</u>
Content Core			
ART	312	Art Education in the Elementary School	2
ELED	221	Children’s Literature	3
HIST	242	US History I, or	3
HIST	243	US History II	(3)
KINE	253	Elementary Health & PE Methods	2
		Life Science/lab	4
MATH	282	Math for Teachers II	3
MUED	344	Music for Elementary Teachers	2
PSYC	287	School Age Growth & Development	3
			<u>22</u>

Professional Coursework			HOURS
EDUC	102	Foundations of Education	2
EDUC	204	Diversity in the Classroom	2
EDUC	205	Educational Pedagogy I	3
EDUC	305	Educational Pedagogy II	3
ELED	305	Teaching in the Primary Grades	3
ELED	421	Reading & Language Arts I	<u>3</u>
			16

Methods Block			
ELED	418	Social Studies Methods	2
ELED	419	Science Methods	2
ELED	425	Mathematics Methods	3
ELED	431	Reading & Language Arts II	3
ELED	308	Teaching Diverse Learners	2
ELED	411	Elementary Methods Experience	<u>1</u>
			13

Student Teaching Experience (15 Weeks)			
EDUC	455	Student Teaching I	8-12
EDUC	456	Student Teaching II	0-4
EDUC	441	Professional Education Seminar	<u>0-1</u>
			8-16

Candidates must choose one of the following content options to complete their degrees:

Option #1 – Minor (choose 1):

American Sign Language	Psychology	
Early Childhood (Non-licensure)	Sociology	
English	Spanish	
Family Studies	Special Education	
History	TESOL (Non-licensure)	
Mathematics	Visual Arts	
Music		15-23

OPTION #2 – Content Concentration (choose 1)

*Mathematics		
Additional 12-15 credits in MATH (MATH131 Required)		12-15
*Language Arts		
Additional 12-15 credits in ENGL/LIT/WRIT		12-15
*Social Studies		
Additional 12-15 credits in HIST/SS/ECON		12-15
*Science		
Additional 12-16 credits in BIOL/CHEM/NS/PHYS		12-16
Fine Arts		
Additional 12-15 credits in MULH/MUAP/MUED/MUTH/ART/THTR		12-15
Spanish		
Additional 12-15 credits in SPAN		12-15
Early Childhood		
Additional 12-15 credits in ECED		12-15

	HOURS
Health/Physical Education	
Additional 12-15 credits in KINE	12-15
Electives needed to complete the degree	0-3
Total credits	120-139

***In addition to the content credits** candidates must take SCED331 (2 credits) and the corresponding Middle School Core Content test to be licensed K-9

NOTE: Courses taken to fulfill General Education of Content Core requirements cannot be duplicated in the concentration)

Special Education Minor

Candidates completing any licensure program in elementary, secondary, or all-grade education programs may be licensed in special education (Exceptional Needs: Mild Intervention) though completion of this 17-credit minor and attainment of passing scores on state mandated exams. During the student teaching experience, the pre-service candidate will be required to intern in a mild interventions setting (i.e. resource room, general education inclusion classroom). Program completers will be qualified to teach in their initial licensure area and in P-12 special education – a high need position in today’s schools.

EDUC	308	Teaching Diverse Learners	2
PSYC	287	School-Age Growth & Development	3
SPED	210	Foundations of Special Education: Theories, Laws & Processes	2
SPED	310	Individualized Planning, Implementation & Delivery	3
SPED	410	Reading & Writing Difficulties: Assessment & Intervention	3
SPED	411	Practicum in Special Education	1
SPED	420	Formal & Informal Assessment, Administration & Supervision	3
Total Credits			17

Junior High/Middle School Secondary License

The secondary and all-grade programs combine a strong content knowledge foundation with the appropriate pedagogy, field experiences and a 12-15 week student teaching experience. The secondary candidates will be ready to effectively teach their content in grades 5-12. All-grade majors will be licensed in their content at P-12 levels. Many of these content areas are in high demand in today’s schools.

Descriptions of the coursework in general education, content and professional education can be found under the corresponding content department.

Graduate Programs in Education

- M.Ed Master of Education
- M.A.T. Master of Arts in Teaching
*Transition to Teaching Program

**See Adult and Graduate Studies section for program descriptions.*