

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS WITH TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN GRADES K-6 (B.A.)

Educational Foundations for Elementary Teachers is a Bachelors of Arts degree that prepares students for a career in education, with the option of pursuing teacher certification in elementary education (Kindergarten-Grade 6). The course of study includes theories of learning, assessment, and human development, as well as key social, historical, and philosophical trends in American schools. It is designed to enhance students' core content knowledge in essential subject areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. As such, our program provides its graduates with rigorous educational and content knowledge necessary to teach in elementary school classrooms.

Different from other majors, our program is comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, concise, and targeted; with only 120 credit hours to complete the degree. Admission to the Teacher Education program is a separate process. Students interested in earning a K-6 certification will find that our program provides a seamless transition and alignment with the course of study needed for certification. Alternatively, for those individuals who do not intend to pursue certification, our program includes 27 credits as free electives, to provide students with a range of options to earn another major or minor.

Students who wish to pursue K-6 teacher certification in Elementary Education must apply and be admitted to the Teacher Education Program. Once admitted, students will be matriculated into the B.A. in Elementary Education (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/elementary-education-ba/>) program as a second major.

Program Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	14
	World Languages Requirements	3-6
	Major Requirements	76
	Required Coursework for Teacher Certification	27
	Total Credits	120-123

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Educational Foundations		
EDFD 180	Foundations of Education: Social, Cultural, and Political Contexts	3
EDFD 200	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	3
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
EDFD 300	Assessment, Learning Sciences and Ethics	3
EDFD 449	Current Issues in American Education	3
or EDFD 445	Human Rights Education	

Required Courses in Mathematics

MTHM 201	Mathematics in Elementary Schools I	3
MTHM 302	Mathematics in Elementary Schools II	3
	Any 300-400 level Mathematics class	3

Required Courses in Sciences

BIOL 100	Biological Sciences	4
EAES 170	World Geography	3
ECEL 300	Scientific Inquiry in Elementary Schools I (PreK-6th Grade)	3
ECEL 301	Scientific Inquiry in Elementary Schools II (PreK-6th Grade)	3

Required Courses in Social Sciences

HIST 117	Foundations of America	3
HIST 118	Emergence of the Modern United States	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3

With advisor's approval, select one class at the 300-400 level in History, Political Science and Law or Anthropology.

Required Courses in Literature/Language Arts

READ 399	Early Literacy Development and Instruction	3
READ 408	Literacy in the Elementary Grades	3

Select any 200-level ENGL course or one of the following:

WRIT 106	College Writing II	
ENGL 110	Introduction to Literature: The Analytic Essay	
ENGL 111	Introduction to Literature: The Short Story	
ENGL 113	Introduction to Literature: Bestsellers and Popular Fiction	
ENGL 114	Introduction to Literature: Utopian and Dystopian Fiction	

HONP 101 Honors Seminar in Great Books and Ideas Part II

Select any 200-level English course or one of the following:

ENGL 255	The Golden Age of Children's Literature	3
ENGL 260	Art of Poetry	
ENGL 294	Women Poets	
ENGL 305	Young Adult Literature	
ENGL 353	Shakespeare: Comedies-Histories	
ENGL 354	Shakespeare: Tragedies-Romances	
GRIN 226	Fairy Tales from Grimm to Disney	
or GERM 226	Fairy Tales from Grimm to Disney	
HUMN 285	Mythology	

Additional/Collateral Coursework

CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement	3
ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy	3
FSHD 214	Child Development I	3
FSHD 314	Child Development II: Adolescence	3

Total Credits 76

Second Major in Elementary Education

Elementary Education (B.A.) (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/elementary-education-ba/>)

General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/general-education-requirements-ba-bs/>)

Code	Title	Credits
A. New Student Seminar		
Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar course.		1
C. Communication		
<i>1. Writing</i>		
WRIT 105	College Writing I	3
or HONP 100	Honors Seminar in Great Books and Ideas Part I	
<i>2. Literature</i>		
Fulfilled in the major.		
<i>3. Communication</i>		
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement (Fulfilled in the major.)	
D. Fine and Performing Arts		
Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.		3
F. Humanities		
<i>1. Great Works and Their Influences</i>		
		3
<i>2. Philosophical and Religious Perspectives</i>		
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education (Fulfilled in the major.)	
G. Computer Science		
Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course.		3
H. Mathematics		
MTHM 201	Mathematics in Elementary Schools I (Fulfilled in the major.)	
I. Natural Science Laboratory		
BIOL 100	Biological Sciences (Fulfilled in the major.)	
J. Physical Education		
Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course.		1
K. Social Science		
<i>1. American and European History</i>		
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education (Fulfilled in the major.)	
<i>2. Global Cultural Perspectives</i>		
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<i>3. Social Science Perspectives</i>		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (Fulfilled in the major.)	
L. Interdisciplinary Studies		
ECEL 200	Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Democracy (Fulfilled in the major.)	
Total Credits		14

World Languages and Cultures Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill World Languages and Cultures categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/world-languages-and-cultures-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
World Languages		
Based on placement exam, complete one or two sequential courses in a single language.		3-6
Total Credits		3-6

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This four-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years. This plan is a recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
WRIT 105 or HONP 100		3 WRIT 106 or ENGL 111	3
BIOL 100 (or other BIOL course)		4 HIST 118	3
CMST 101		3 EDFD 221	3
GNET 199		1 EAES 170	3
EDFD 180		3 PSYC 101	3
HIST 117		3	
			17
			15

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
World Language 1		3 Apply to Teacher Education Program	
EDFD 200		3 MTHM 201	3
ECEL 200		3 FSHD 314	3
EDFD 220		3 GENERAL EDUCATION (D) Fine and Performing Arts	3
FSHD 214		3 GENERAL EDUCATION (G) Computer Science	3
English Elective		3 GENERAL EDUCATION (J) Physical Education	1
			World Language 2
			3
			18
			16

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDFD 300		3 ECSE 339	3
Social Science Elective		3 ECEL 301	3
MTHM 302		3 READ 399	3
ECEL 300		3 EDFD 449 or 445	3
ECEL 279		3 Elective in MTHM	3
			15
			15

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
READ 408		3 ECEL 414	9
ECEL 427		3 ECEL 421	3
ECEL 410		2	
ECEL 412		1	

ECEL 408	3	
	12	12

Total Credits 120