# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATION: TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER IN GRADES K-6 - GRADUATE

## Program Requirements

### Additional Requirements for State Certification

**Child Development**
- **FCST 512**  
  Child Development I: Theories of Child Development (or graduate level equivalent with written approval)  
  3 credits

**Speech**
- **CMST 101**  
  Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement  
  3 credits

**Physiology and Hygiene**
- Pass the MSU Health Knowledge Test available through the Center of Pedagogy or have Undergraduate equivalent course approved by advisor.

### Required Courses

**Core Courses**
- **ECEL 501**  
  Perspectives on Early Childhood and Elementary Education in a Diverse Society  
  3 credits
- **ECEL 518**  
  Families, Communities, and Schools: Diversity, Culture and Democracy  
  3 credits
- **READ 500**  
  Literacy Foundations  
  3 credits

**Content/Methods Courses**
- Select one of the following:  
  3 credits
  - **ECEL 516**  
    Social Studies and the Arts: Understanding Democracy in Elementary Classrooms
  - **ECEL 517**  
    Integrating Science and Technology in Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms
  - **MATH 577**  
    Mathematics Education in the Elementary School

**Professional Sequence**
- **ECEL 522**  
  Curriculum Development and Assessment in Diverse Elementary Classrooms  
  3 credits
- **ECEL 510**  
  Clinical Experience I in Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Settings  
  2 credits
- **ECEL 502**  
  Seminar I: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms  
  1 credit
- **ECEL 504**  
  Seminar II: Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Classrooms  
  3 credits
- **ECEL 511**  
  Clinical Experience II in Inclusive Early Childhood and Elementary Settings  
  6 credits
- or **ECEL 514**  
  In-Service Supervised Graduate Student Teaching

### Total Credits
- **33 credits**

1 ECEL 514 is for students in full-time teaching positions.

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The following additional requirements must be met prior to student teaching. Upon admission to the program, the student's submitted transcripts are evaluated to determine if any of these requirements have been fulfilled by previous coursework. In such cases, the requirement(s) appears on the degree audit as being waived.

- CMST 101 or Speech Challenge Exam or Documented & approved experience
- Physiology & Hygiene - free test at county office of education or BIOL/HLTH course
- Educational Psychology - EDFD 582 or PSYC 560
- Psychology or equivalent undergraduate course work

**Note:** Certification requirements are subject to change.