

# Elementary Education

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

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## Teacher as servant

Our “teacher as servant” philosophy will prepare you to see each student as an image-bearer of God, keeping Christ at the center of your classroom.

## Expert profs + mentors

Northwestern’s education faculty have experience with diverse grade levels and disciplines in both public and private school settings. They will support you throughout your journey to becoming a teacher, from applying to the teacher education program during your sophomore year to applying for licensure as a senior.

## Tailor-made study

Whether you hope to teach art and music or science and history, your adviser will help you create a customized course schedule to achieve certification in areas of interest. We offer endorsements in:

- ✓ K-12 art, music, physical education and Spanish
- ✓ Basic science
- ✓ Birth through grade 3 special education
- ✓ Early childhood
- ✓ English
- ✓ History
- ✓ Math
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Social studies
- ✓ Special education
- ✓ TESL (teaching English as a second language)

## A+ experience

Gaining classroom experience is key to building your confidence. It’s why you’ll spend more than 100 hours in area classrooms before you student teach. You’ll also have opportunity to student teach within a 60-mile radius of campus, or to receive placement in Chicago, Denver, or with an international school.



### 100% placement

100% of elementary ed majors find a job or enroll in grad school within six months of graduation.



### Accredited program

by the Higher Learning Commission and Iowa Department of Education



### ACEI recognition

Our program has earned national recognition from the Association for Childhood Education International.

## Outcomes

Northwestern education students are in high demand across the country and around the world. Join our standout alumni in roles such as:

- Special education teacher, Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School District, Lake Crystal, MN
- Sixth grade math teacher, Vista Peak Elementary School, Aurora, CO
- Lead teacher, Head Start, Sibley, IA

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## 4-year Plan

### Freshman:

EDU 102 – Foundations of Education – 2 credits – offered every semester  
EDU 206 – Survey of Exceptional Individuals – 3 credits – every semester  
EDU 202 – Early Field Experience (30 Hr. Practicum) – 1 cr. – every semester  
EDU 228 – Children’s Literature – 2 cr. – every semester  
Good time to take MAT 107 (Fall) or MAT 127 (Spring)  
PSY 221SS – Developmental Psychology – Childhood – 4 cr. every sem.

### Sophomore:

EDU 227 – Instructional Technology – 2 cr. – every semester  
Apply and be admitted to the Education Program  
EDU 240 – Integrating the Arts for the Elementary – 3 cr. every semester  
EDU 243 – Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Problems – 3 cr. – every semester  
EDU 326 – Teaching Reading and Language Arts – 3 cr. – every semester  
Great time to take a second math course MAT 107 (Fall) or MAT 127 (Spring)  
Best to have one science course done

### Junior/Senior:

EDU 340 – Human Relations/CC – 3 cr. – every semester  
EDU 304 – Education Psychology – 2 cr. – every semester  
EDU 315 – Behavior Management – 2 cr. – every semester  
EDU 323 – Teaching Math – 3 cr. – every semester (restricted course)  
EDU 328 – Teaching Science – 3 cr. – every semester (restricted course)  
EDU 329 – Teaching SS – 2 cr. – every semester (restricted course)  
Need to have the second science course done

### Seniors:

EDU 409 – Philosophy of Education – 2 cr. – every semester (restricted course)  
EDU 415/416 – Student Teaching – 14 cr. – every semester (full semester)

Note: This is a guideline. One of the unique aspects of NWC Education is that we customize each student’s schedule to meet their needs based upon transfer credits and content endorsements. The order can be changed, but Freshman and Sophomore courses must be completed before the senior year to reduce course conflicts.