Department of Childhood/ Language Arts/Reading Education

The Childhood Education/Language Arts/Reading Education Department has the responsibility for the development and supervision of programs leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education.

Admission is limited to fall and spring semesters.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Students may complete a state-approved program to be eligible for licensure in Early Childhood Education Pre-Kindergarten/Primary (age 3 - Grade 3). The current program of studies includes both coursework and extensive field experiences in early childhood settings to enable students to integrate theory with teaching practice. Upon successful completion of the required courses and the associated internships, Early Childhood majors will be eligible for certification in Pre-Kindergarten/Primary (age 3 - Grade 3).

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Students may complete a state-approved program to be eligible for certification in Elementary Education (Grades 1-6). Degree and certification requirements are subject to change. The current program of studies includes both coursework and extensive field experience in elementary school settings to enable students to integrate theory with teaching practice.

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Early Childhood and Elementary majors will be assigned to a specified sequence of courses to be followed throughout the program enrollment. All internships and field experiences must be successfully completed as a member of an internship team under the supervision of a faculty team leader. Students who withdraw from or who have unsatisfactory grades in the field experiences or internships must petition the department Professional Standards Committee before they will be allowed to repeat the internships.

Students must have an overall USF GPA of 2.5 and a GPA of 2.5 in the combined Professional Core and Teaching Specialization prior to final internship and graduation.

Part-time students in Elementary Education (those planning to take 9 hours or less per semester) must meet program and internship requirements associated with the programs. These requirements include being available to participate in the internships during regular school hours.

Part-time students in Early Childhood Education are not accepted on the Tampa campus and should seek admission to the programs on the Sarasota and St. Petersburg campuses. These students also must meet program and internship requirements associated with the programs. These requirements include being available to participate in internships during regular school hours.

- **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

Requirements for the B.S. Degree (BEE): In addition to the courses listed below, students must complete "Preliminary Requirements for Students entering Teacher Education Programs."

Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites): These prerequisites must be met by transfer students as well as USF students. A grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade.

- EDF 3005 Introduction to Education 3
- EDF 2701 Teaching Diverse Populations 3
- EME 2040 Introduction to Educational Technology* 3

- Nine (9) semester hours in English to include writing, literature, and speech
- Nine (9) semester hours in science to include earth science, life science, and physical science, with a minimum of one associated laboratory
- Nine (9) semester hours in mathematics to include college algebra or above and geometry
- Twelve (12) semester hours in social sciences to include American history and general psychology
- Six (6) semester hours in the humanities, including philosophy and fine arts

**Professional Education Core (29 cr. hours):**

The required courses in the professional education core are as follows:

- EDF 3122 Learning and Developing Child 3
- EDF 3604 Social Foundations of Education (Exit) 3
- EDF 4620 Curriculum and Instruction 3
- EDF 4430 Measurement for Teachers 3
- EEX 4070 Integrating Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom 2
- FLE 4315 Teaching LEP Students K-12 3
- FLE 4316 Language Principles and Acquisition 2
- EDE 4940 Internship 10

**Specialization (44 cr. hrs.):**

- ARE 4133 Art For The Child and You 3
- EDE 4301 Teaching Methods in the Elementary School 3
- EDE 4942 Childhood Education Internship Level II 6
- HLP 4722 Health and Physical Education for the Child 2
- LAE 4416 Teaching Literature and Writing in the Elementary Grades (Exit) 3
- MAE 4310 Teaching Elementary School Mathematics I 3
- MAE 4326 Teaching Elementary School Mathematics II 2
- MUE 4210 Music For The Child 3
- RED 4310 Early Literacy Learning 3
- RED 4511 Literacy in the Intermediate and Middle Grades 3
- SCE 4310 Teaching Elementary School Science 3
- SSE 4313 Teaching Elementary School Social Studies 3

Students are advised that the Elementary Education specialization will require an enrollment of more than the traditional four semesters of the junior and senior years in order to complete the program specialization courses and the required sequence of internships.

The order in which these courses are to be taken is spelled out in the program of study.