

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH A 3+2 MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION EMPHASIS

The 3+2 Elementary Education Program allows students to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Education in five or more years. To be accepted into the 3+2 Elementary Education Program, each student must:

- Provide letters of recommendation from at least one Education Department faculty member and one faculty member of a core content area discipline
- Have demonstrated content knowledge by passing the relevant Praxis exam(s) as defined by the Colorado Department of Education
- Be accepted into Western's Teacher Licensure Program
- Successfully complete EDUC 340 Application of Pedagogy and Practice or show proof of registration
- Be on track to complete all coursework required within the academic major

Upon completing these requirements, students will be designated as "MAED candidates with provisional acceptance." Students will be designated as "MAED degree-seeking students" once they select their degree. Students who have completed all other requirements of the 3+2 Elementary Education Degree Program and all Western undergraduate requirements yet choose to leave the MAED program before Year Five will still have completed the BA in Elementary Education and are eligible to apply for their initial teacher license.

## Program Requirements

Students seeking Elementary Licensure in the 3+2 Elementary Education Program (grades K-6) must complete the interdisciplinary requirements of the Elementary Education Major, all other University requirements, and the Elementary Licensure requirements set forth by the Colorado Department of Education.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Elementary Education/Special Education Core Content:</b>		
BIOL 130	Environmental Biology (GT-SC2)	3
BIOL 135	Environmental Biology Laboratory (GT-SC1)	1
GEOL 101	Physical Geology (GT-SC2)	3
GEOL 105	Physical Geology Laboratory (GT-SC1)	1
MATH 140	College Algebra (GT-MA1)	3
or MATH 113	Statistical Thinking (GT-MA1)	
MATH 221	Foundations of Mathematics for Teaching I	3
MATH 222	Foundations of Mathematics for Teaching II	3
MATH 323	Foundations of Mathematics for Teaching III	3
PHYS 140	Introductory Physics (with laboratory) (GT-SC1)	4
Two of the following:		6
ENG 150	Introduction to Literature (GT-AH2)	
ENG 161	Introduction to Creative Writing (GT-AH1)	

ENG 220	Grammar and the English Language	
ENG 250	Critical Approaches to Literature	
ENG 331	Literature and Ethnicity: Studies in:	
ENG 334	Poetry: Studies in:	
ENG 337	Women Writers	
ENG 352	Children's Literature	
Four of the following (courses must include at least 3 disciplines):		12
ECON 201	Macroeconomics (GT-SS1)	
ECON 202	Microeconomics	
ECON 215	Environmental Economics	
GEOG 120	Introduction to Human Geography (GT-SS2)	
GEOG 250	Geography of North America (GT-SS2)	
GEOG 351	Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean	
HIST 100	Topics in World History (GT-HI1)	
HIST 126	American History through Reconstruction (GT-HI1)	
HIST 127	U.S. History from the Civil War (GT-HI1)	
HIST 128	Introduction to Environmental History (GT-HI1)	
HIST 250	History of the Middle East (GT-HI1)	
HIST 251	History of Europe (GT-HI1)	
HIST 254	History of Africa (GT-HI1)	
HIST 257	East Asia, 1500 - present	
HIST 260	History of Latin America (GT-HI1)	
HIST 327	Colorado History	
HIST 349	History of the Hispanic Southwest	
POLS 117	Democracy, Capitalism, and Their Critics (GT-SS1)	
POLS 180	Power in America (GT-SS1)	
POLS 250	Politics of the Environment	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>

### Specialization:

The Elementary Education Major requires students to take at least 18 credits in a specialized area of interest. The student may choose one of the following options:

**Option 1** is to minor in any minor offered at Western Colorado University

**Option 2** is to complete at least 18 credits in one of the Areas of Emphasis below:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Emphasis in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity</b>		
Select six of the following:		18
ENG 151	Borderlands: Representing Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality	
ENG 152	Women and Literature	
ENG 331	Literature and Ethnicity: Studies in:	
ENG 337	Women Writers	
GEOG 351	Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean	
HIST 254	History of Africa (GT-HI1)	
HIST 260	History of Latin America (GT-HI1)	
HIST 349	History of the Hispanic Southwest	
HIST 350	Environmental History of the Borderlands	
POLS 340	Politics of Social Movements	
POLS 350	Human Rights	

POLS 376	American Political Thought
SOC 110	The Sociological Imagination (GT-SS3)
SOC 120	Communities & Social Change
SOC 340	Social Movements
SOC 380	Social Class, Status, and Power

**Total Credits** **18**

**Code Title Credits**  
**Emphasis in Global Citizenship**

Select six of the following: 18

ANTH 107	Introduction to General Anthropology (GT-SS3)
ANTH 230	Cultural Anthropology (with laboratory)
COM 216	Dramatic Literature and Script Analysis
COM 274	Public Relations Communication
COM 352	Advanced Cinema Studies
ECON 303	International Economics and Globalization
ENG 358	Global Literatures: Studies in: The Underworld
ENVS 100	Introduction to Environment and Sustainability (GT-SS2)
ENVS 350	U.S. and Western Environmental Politics
ENVS 430	Watersheds of the World
GEOG 110	World Regional Geography (GT-SS2)
GEOG 120	Introduction to Human Geography (GT-SS2)
GEOG 351	Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean
HIST 254	History of Africa (GT-HI1)
HIST 355	African History: Topics
POLS 260	Globalization, Borders and the Human (GT-SS1)
POLS 340	Politics of Social Movements
POLS 355	The Global South
POLS 360	American Foreign Policy
SOC 110	The Sociological Imagination (GT-SS3)
SOC 120	Communities & Social Change
SOC 340	Social Movements
SOC 380	Social Class, Status, and Power
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II

**Total Credits** **18**

**Code Title Credits**  
**Emphasis in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)**

Select six of the following: 18

ART 119	Foundation Drawing I
ART 171	Foundation Design: Two-Dimensional
ART 172	Foundation Design: Three-Dimensional
BIOL 130	Environmental Biology (GT-SC2)
COM 119	Introduction to Film
COM 121	Introduction to Theatre (GT-AH1)
COM 235	Introduction to Acting
COM 264	Introduction to Media Production I
COM 346	Multimedia Communication
COM 390	Media Production: Documentary
CS 190	Computer Science I

EDUC 492	Independent Study
ENGR 131	Introduction to Engineering Design
MATH 260	Applied Linear Algebra
A 300-level MATH course	
PHYS 110	Introductory Astronomy (GT-SC2)
PHYS 120	Meteorology (GT-SC2)
PHYS 125	Energy and the Environment (GT-SC2)

**Total Credits** **18**

## Required Education Coursework

The Elementary Licensure Program requires 42 credits of Education coursework and the Gateway course (including 6 credits of EDUC 619).

### Pre-Residency Coursework:

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 000	Education Gateway Course	0
EDUC 102	Learning & Teaching (GT-SS3)	3
EDUC 202	Past, Present, and Future of Schooling in the US (GT-SS3)	3
EDUC 210	Science Teaching Methods	3
EDUC 326	Equity, Diversity, and Social Justice in Education	3
EDUC 340	Application of Pedagogy and Practice	3

### 4th year Residency Coursework:

Elementary Licensure Coursework to be taken year 4 of 3+2 Elementary Education MAED Program.

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 405	Data-driven Instructional Practices	3
EDUC 408	Teaching Writing with the Brain in Mind	3
EDUC 600	Foundations of Literacy Development	3
EDUC 601	Methods and Strategies of Effective Reading Instruction	3
EDUC 604	Learning Environments	3
EDUC 613	Methods and Strategies of Effective Mathematics Instruction	3
EDUC 628	Pedagogies for English Learners	3
Six credits of the following:		6
EDUC 619	Elementary Student Teaching	

**Total Credits** **27**

The residency for Elementary Licensure must be completed in a K-6 classroom, where students are expected to work cooperatively 24 hours per week with qualified mentor teachers. During this year-long clinical residency, students are applying and extending the pedagogical knowledge that they are learning in their Education courses. The Elementary Licensure coursework and the post-licensure coursework are taught online.

Once accepted to the 3+2 Elementary Education MAED Program, students must declare their MA emphasis and the School of Graduate Studies will designate the student as an "MAED degree seeking student." Students in the Elementary Education 3+2 Program may choose an MA emphasis in K-12 Online Leadership, Teacher Leadership, Reading

Leadership or endorsement in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education.

All Elementary Education 3+2 students will be required to take 3-6 credits of 600 level education electives. The only exception is Master of Arts in Education with Endorsement in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education which has a pre-determined 22 credit course series.

Elective Education Coursework to be taken in year 5 of the 3+2 Secondary and K-12 Education MAED Program. Please see the Graduate Catalog for program overviews and requirements for completing Master’s degrees and additional Colorado Teacher Endorsement areas.

Sample Plan

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
BIOL 130	Environmental Biology (GT-SC2)	3
BIOL 135	Environmental Biology Laboratory (GT-SC1)	1
EDUC 000	Education Gateway Course	0
EDUC 102	Learning & Teaching (GT-SS3)	3
ENG 102	Writing and Rhetoric I (GT-CO1)	3
HWTR 100	First Year Seminar	1
MATH 140 or MATH 113	College Algebra (GT-MA1) or Statistical Thinking (GT-MA1)	3
Gen Ed	Social Sciences	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ENG 103	Writing and Rhetoric II (GT-CO2)	3
PHYS 140	Introductory Physics (with laboratory) (GT-SC1)	4
Gen Ed	Social Sciences	3
Gen Ed	Social Sciences	3
Gen Ed	Arts & Humanities	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDUC 202	Past, Present, and Future of Schooling in the US (GT-SS3)	3
MATH 221	Foundations of Mathematics for Teaching I	3
Elective	Specialization Elective	3
Elective	ENG Elective	3
Gen Ed	Social Sciences	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDUC 210	Science Teaching Methods	3
GEOL 101	Physical Geology (GT-SC2)	3
GEOL 105	Physical Geology Laboratory (GT-SC1)	1
MATH 222	Foundations of Mathematics for Teaching II	3
Elective	Specialization Elective	3
Gen Ed	Social Sciences	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MATH 323	Foundations of Mathematics for Teaching III	3
Gen Ed	Arts & Humanities	6
Elective	Specialization Elective	6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDUC 326	Equity, Diversity, and Social Justice in Education	3
EDUC 340	Application of Pedagogy and Practice	3
Elective	ENG Elective	3
Elective	Specialization Elective	3

Elective	Specialization Elective (upper divisional)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDUC 405	Data-driven Instructional Practices	3
EDUC 600	Foundations of Literacy Development	3
EDUC 604	Learning Environments	3
EDUC 613	Methods and Strategies of Effective Mathematics Instruction	3
EDUC 619	Elementary Student Teaching	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDUC 408	Teaching Writing with the Brain in Mind	3
EDUC 601	Methods and Strategies of Effective Reading Instruction	3
EDUC 619	Elementary Student Teaching	3
EDUC 628	Pedagogies for English Learners	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>121</b>