

Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education (BSED - ELED)

Name: _____

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Date: _____

Suggested Academic 4-Year Plan 2021-2022 Catalog Year

Semester	✓	Courses	Credits	Requirement Met/ Notes
1 st Year Fall (14 cr.)		ENGH 101: Composition	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		Natural Science with Lab	4	Mason Core + Content Area
		<i>Elective</i> (MATH 271 Math for Elementary Teachers recommended)	3	Content Area
		Soc/Behavior Science (EDUC 200 recommended)	3	Mason Core
		<i>Elective</i> (UNIV 100 recommended)	1	
1 st Year Spring (15 cr.)		Western Civilization (HIST 100 or 125)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		Oral Communication (COMM 101)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		Literature (ELED 258: Children's Literature recommended)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 272 Math for Elementary Teachers II recommended, <i>Prereq: MATH 271</i>)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		<i>Elective</i> (GOVT 103 or ECON recommended)	3	Content Area
2 nd Year Fall (16 cr.)		Natural Science with Lab (choose different discipline)	4	Mason Core + Content Area
		Arts (ARTH 101: Introduction to Visual Arts recommended)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		IT (ELED 257 Integrating Tech in PK-6 Classroom recommended)	3	Mason Core
		ELED 242: Foundations of Elementary Education	3	Major
		<i>Elective</i> (HIST 121 <u>or</u> HIST 122 recommended)	3	Content Area
2 nd Year Spring (15 cr.)		ENGH 302: Advanced Composition (Social Science or multi-disciplinary section, <i>Prereqs: ENGH 101, Lit, at least 45 credits complete</i>)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		Global Understanding (GGS 101 Major World Regions recommended)	3	Mason Core + Content Area
		EDUC 301: Educating Diverse and Exceptional Learners	3	Major
		<i>Elective</i>	3	
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Complete the online application to the major and meet all admission requirements by August 1 to be allowed to register for the ELED major courses listed below. Remaining coursework will be completed as a cohort. ELED courses will be offered once per year and must be completed with a C or better.				
3 rd Year Fall (15 cr.)		ELED 305: Foundations of Elementary Methods & Management	3	
		ELED 443: Children, Families, Culture and Schools	3	
		ELED 454: Methods for Teaching Social Studies	3	
		ELED 410: Emergent & Early Literacy	3	
		<i>Elective</i>	3	
3 rd Year Spring (15 cr.)		ELED 401: Classroom Mgmt, Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3	<i>Prereq: EDUC 301</i>
		ELED 411: Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, & Pedagogy	3	<i>Prereq: ELED 410</i>
		ELED 452: Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom	3	
		ELED 453: Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom	3	
		Elem Ed Program Elective (see next page for options)	3	
4 th Year Fall (15 cr.)		ELED 402: Differentiating Elementary Methods and Management	3	
		ELED 412: Writing Development, Processes, & Pedagogy	3	<i>Prereqs: ELED 410 and 411</i>
		ELED 421: STEM in the Elementary Classrooms	3	
		ELED 480: Practicum in Elementary Education	3	
		<i>Elective</i>	3	
4 th Year Spring (15 cr.)		ELED 459: Research & Assessment in Elementary Education	3	<i>Co-req: ELED 490</i>
		ELED 490: Internship in Elementary Education	9	<i>Prereq: ELED 480</i>
		<i>Elective</i>	3	

Academic Requirements: 120 total credits; C or higher in all major courses and content area courses for licensure; 45 upper-level credits; completion of Mason Core; minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA

Curriculum

- **Mason Core (38 credits):** For current list of approved courses, see the [catalog](#).
- **Elementary Ed Major Coursework (57 credits):** C or better required in all courses. Most ELED courses require approximately 15 hours of field work in an assigned elementary school within our Professional Development School (PDS) Network. The **Elem Ed Program Elective** options include: EDSE 241 Characteristics of Students w/ Disabilities, EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports; EDCI 423 Methods PK-6 English Learners; ELED 422 Collaboration PK-6 Inclusive Settings; or ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners.
- **Electives (25 credits):** Use some electives to take classes that meet [content area \(endorsement\) requirements](#) as indicated on the 4-yr plan. For any remaining electives, consider other education courses or classes to fulfill a minor.

Admission to the Major Information

Students begin in Pre-Elementary Education (BPRES) status until they successfully complete the [application process](#) to the major and meet all requirements: 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA; are within 9 credits of completion of Mason Core; and have completed an official content area review. The major application process happens once per year from May through August. Students wait until spring grades post before submitting the application and will not be able to register for cohort classes until mid-summer.

Internship Information

Student teaching is done in the final fall and spring semesters in a PDS Network school assigned by the program. Employment during school hours will be impossible during this time so plan ahead. Students **must** pass all education coursework (taken up to the point of application) with a C or better and meet the application deadlines before earning approval to register for the practicum and internship courses. Fingerprinting and background check will be done through the school district.

Deadline Dates	Requirement Due	Notes										
February 15 (prior to final year)	<i>Internship Application Due</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit online app and supporting documentation. • CPR/AED/1st Aid Certification 											
August 1 (prior to final year)	<p><i>Content Area Courses + VCLA + Praxis Subject Exam Due</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCLA: Minimum score: 470 • Praxis Subject: Take all subtests at once by using ID 5001, or individually: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subtest and ID Number</th> <th>Min Score</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reading & Lang Arts (5002)</td> <td>157</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mathematics (5003)</td> <td>157</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Studies (5004)</td> <td>155</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Science (5005)</td> <td>159</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subtest and ID Number	Min Score	Reading & Lang Arts (5002)	157	Mathematics (5003)	157	Social Studies (5004)	155	Science (5005)	159	
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November 1 (final fall semester)	<p><i>RVE Due</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Min score: 157 											

Please note:

- These deadlines are when the passing scores must be in the Mason system; it can take up to **6 weeks** for exam scores to be reported and processed. Plan accordingly.
- Late application materials will NOT be accepted unless written permission is granted ahead of time via the Extension Request Form. **Failure to meet deadlines will delay your internship and graduation.**
- Keep copies of all exam scores and certificates; you will need them when you apply for licensure.
- **Tips on timing:**
 - Schedule to take the **VCLA** and **Praxis Subject** exams during **summer before or winter break of junior year** to allow plenty of time to re-take, if necessary.
 - Schedule to take the **RVE** during **summer break** after completing ELED 410 and 411.
 - Send M. Slone any Content Area Course updates as you finish; don't wait until right before Aug. 1 deadline.