Elementary Education B.S. K-6 Certification Track Program Guide
Elementary Education Program Goals

The UCF Elementary Education program is devoted to the development of all children as 21st Century learners who are thinkers and creators of new knowledge. As a professional preparation program, elementary education focuses on the preparation of teachers who:

• collaborate and communicate effectively
• participate in action-research and data informed instruction
• pursue continuous professional development to create effective learning environments
• demonstrate high expectations and focus on development of creative and critical thinking
• demonstrate knowledge of child development and elementary disciplines
• apply research-based pedagogy to implement effective instructional practices

WHY ENROLL IN UCF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION?

• Earn Florida educator certification in Elementary K-6 with ESOL and Reading Endorsements.
• Program approved by Florida Department of Education.
• Engaging courses that address evidence-based practice and integrate practical school-based experiences.
  - Variety of content areas: language arts/reading, math, science, social studies, integration of arts/movement.
  - Variety of field experiences in local schools to practice teaching strategies in whole class, small group, and individual contexts.
• Two semesters of school based internships with clinically trained teachers:
  - Internship I: Two days a week plus one full week in two classrooms at different grade levels.
  - Internship II: Thirteen full weeks in one elementary classroom.
• Cohort models that offer opportunities for networking with peers.
• Opportunities to take courses at several locations.
• Opportunities to participate in KnightEd Talks Workshops and KnightEd Talks Student Showcase for continuing professional development.
• Opportunities to participate in undergraduate research and Honors in the Major.
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.S.—K-6 CERTIFICATION TRACK ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete general education requirements or equivalent (Associate of Arts degree) from an approved Florida community/state college or state university.
- Have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA.
- Complete prerequisites as indicated in the current catalog: www.ucf.edu/academics/.
- Meet the Gordon Rule Requirement.
- Meet the Foreign Language Admission Requirement (two years in high school or one year of college instruction in a single foreign language).
- Pass all four parts of the General Knowledge Test (GKT). No alternatives or waivers are accepted.
- Please visit our website for more information: ccie.ucf.edu/teachered/elementary-education/ (see back page for additional contact information).

Note: Please meet with an Academic Advisor prior to application to the university.

PARTNERSHIPS

- Brevard Public Schools
- Eastern Florida State College
- Endeavour Elementary, A Community Partnership School
- Lake Sumter State College
- Lake County Schools
- Marion County Public Schools
- UCF’s PedsAcademy at Nemours Children’s Hospital
- OCPS Academic Center for Excellence, downtown Orlando
- Orange County Public Schools
- Osceola County School District
- Seminole County Public Schools
- Downtown Urban Experience: Teacher Quality Partnerships in Mathematics and Disciplinary Literacy
- Valencia College
- Volusia County Schools
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