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

SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION
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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA • ORLANDO, FL





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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