

Program of Study for M.Ed. in Elementary Education

A. Professional Studies (9 hours)

These courses may be taken at any time. Many sections are offered online. Summers are a good time to complete them.

Select One (3):

EPSF 7100 Critical Pedagogy (3)

EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education (3)

EPSF 7120 Social and Cultural Foundations of Education (3)

Select One (3):

EPRS 7900 Methods of Research in Education (3)

EPRS 7910 Action Research (3)

Select One (3):

EPY 7080 The Psychology of Learning and Learners (3)

EPY 7090 The Psychology of Learning and Learners: The Young Child (3)

B. Elementary Education Core Courses (9 hours)

These courses are taken with a cohort in a continuous sequence. Students **MUST** start the sequence in the fall semester, and the courses run continuously over the fall and spring semesters. These courses are typically offered on Monday evenings.

Required (9):

ECE 7390 Curriculum in the Early Childhood Classroom I- Literacy (3) (register in fall semester)

ECE 7400 Curriculum in the Early Childhood Classroom II- Mathematics (3) (register in spring semester)

ECE 7410 Critical Issues in Early Childhood Education I (3) (register in fall semester)

C. Concentration (15 hours): Select ONE

Students complete a concentration that can include an Endorsement. The **continuously open Endorsements** are K-5 Mathematics and Reading. Students also have the option of a **Concentration** in Dual Language Immersion (may lead to an **Endorsement** for teachers with a Level 4 or higher renewable professional certificate in a foreign language field).

Open Endorsements

K-5 Mathematics Endorsement (15 hours)

Endorsement Advisor: Dr. SUSAN SWARS AUSLANDER

Candidates must have 1 year of teaching experience to be eligible to enroll in courses for the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement, but other courses in the program can be completed until then. The endorsement courses are held on Thursday evenings, with two courses offered in the fall semester (ECE 7393 and ECE 7395) and two courses offered in the spring semester (ECE 7396 and ECE 7394).

Required (15):

ECE 7393 Whole Number and Operations in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in fall semester)

ECE 7394 Geometry and Measurement in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in spring semester)

ECE 7395 Rational Number and Algebra in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in fall semester)

ECE 7396 Data Analysis and Probability in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in spring semester)

ECE 7740 Internship I (3) (Students must enroll in ECE 7740 concurrent with one of the following courses: ECE 7393, ECE 7394, ECE 7395, or ECE 7396.)

Successful completion of ECE 7393, ECE 7394, ECE 7395, ECE 7396, and ECE 7740 qualifies the student for the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement.

Elementary Literacy/Reading Endorsement (15 hours)

Faculty Contact: Dr. TERESA FISHER ARI

Required (6):

EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Area (3)* (typically offered summer semester)

ECE 7740 Internship I (3) (Students must enroll in ECE 7740 concurrent with one of the following courses: EDRD 7630, EDRD 6600, EDRD 7600, EDRD 7550 or EDRD 7650.)

Select One (3):*

EDRD 6600 Introduction to Methods of Reading Instruction (3)

EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy of Reading (3) (typically offered fall semester [on-campus] or spring semester [online])

Select One (3):*

EDRD 7550 Linking Literacy Assessment & Classroom Instruction (3)

EDRD 7650 Individual Literacy Assessment (3) (typically offered fall semester or spring semester, EDRD 7600 is a prerequisite)

Select One (3):

ECE 7280 Early Writing Development (3)

ECE 7580 Language Foundations of Literacy Learning: From Acquiring Oral Language to Reading Words (3)

EDRD 7260 Early Literacy Development and Instruction (3)

Other courses as approved by the advisor.

(*Successful completion of EDRD 7630 and EDRD 6600 or 7600 and EDRD 7550 or 7650 and the Reading Endorsement portfolio qualifies an individual for the reading endorsement at the level of the base certificate.)

Open Concentration**Dual Language Immersion (15 hours)**

Faculty Contact: Dr. CATHY AMANTI and Mr. CHRISTIAN VALDEZ

Required (15):

ECE 7730 Perspectives on Child Development for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students (3)

ECE 7440 Biliteracy: Literacy Development in Multilingual Settings (3)

ECE 7397 Elementary Mathematics in Dual Immersion Settings (3)

ECE 7750 Content-Based Curricula, Instruction, and Assessment for Dual Immersion Classrooms (3)

ECE 7740 Internship in Early Childhood Classroom (3)

D. Capstone (3 hours)

The Capstone course is completed the **final semester** in which the student plans to graduate and with the approval of the advisor. For students to take this course, they must have completed ALL Elementary Education Core Courses and Endorsement Courses.

Required (3):

ECE 7800 Capstone Experience (3)

Additional Information

The program is structured for completion at an individualized pace, thus accommodating the busy lives of teachers. It is suggested that students complete courses with an ECE prefix when they are offered. Courses are offered on the GSU campus, typically in the College of Education Building, and some of the courses are offered online.

The major advisor for students in the M.Ed. Program is Dr. Susan Swars Auslander (sauslander@gsu.edu). Students should contact her each semester to plan for upcoming courses. Ms. Karen Van Der Byl (kvanderbyl@gsu.edu) supports student registration and logistics of program completion. Please email her with any logistical questions or issues related to registration, courses, program completion, Livetext, and graduation.

Students are required to purchase Livetext to be used for submission of assignments in courses and program assessment. To purchase Livetext, please visit

https://www.livetext.com/purchase_membership/ and choose Georgia State University as the institution.