

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (ELED)

ELED 120 Child Study in the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Classroom (3 credits)

This course is designed for anyone interested in pursuing an elementary or early childhood teaching license. The goal of this course is to offer integrated knowledge of child educational development, classroom behaviors of children, teaching and the professional roles of school-based faculty and staff. Students will study the physical, social, emotional, cognitive and linguistic development and learning characteristics of children up to grade six. Content to be covered includes diversity in the classroom, English language learners, child educational development theories and research, and the roles and responsibilities of school faculty and staff in meeting children's developmental needs. This course requires 20 hours of observation in an elementary classroom, and the school may request a Criminal Offenders Record Information.

ELED 199 First Year Seminar (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Open to all freshmen with a writing placement score of 3 or above or a SAT score of 500 or above. Students with 24 or more transfer credits will have this requirement waived.

First Year Seminars (FYS) are writing-intensive, topic courses that introduce students to academic thought, discourse and practices. FYS courses prepare and orient students toward productive and fulfilling college careers by actively engaging them in a specific academic area of interest. Students will improve their writing, reading, research and basic information and technology skills while learning to work both collaboratively and independently. These courses will fulfill the First Year Seminar requirement and may fulfill other requirements for the core curriculum. Each course may fulfill different requirements and topics may change each semester. Only one FYS course may be taken for credit. (CFYS)

ELED 200 Introduction to Computers for the Elementary School Classroom (3 credits)

Designed as a computer literacy course for K-6 pre-service teachers, in-service teachers and supervisory personnel. The course covers the history, capabilities, role and literacy in computer education. Early childhood and elementary school applications are to be explored in a computer laboratory setting. No prior knowledge or experience with computers is assumed. *Either semester*

ELED 220 Introduction to Elementary Education (3 credits)

This foundations course examines elementary education (grade 1 through grade 6) from a variety of perspectives including historical, sociocultural, and developmental. A 40-hour, field-based experience is attached to this course. This field-based experience is used to contextualize topics and issues including typical and atypical child development, learning theories, diversity, developmentally-appropriate practices, teaching models and approaches, professional teaching standards and critical issues related to

teaching and child growth and development. This course prepares students to apply for admission into Bridgewater's teaching licensure program.

ELED 250 Foundations of Reading (3 credits)

This course will explore topics identified by the Foundations of Reading MTEL® (Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure) and other tests that measure knowledge related to reading and language development. MTEL® objectives will be emphasized, supported by content from the five areas of the Put Reading First Initiative: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, and Comprehension. Teacher candidates may enroll in this course prior to being admitted to the Professional Education courses and professional courses. *(Formerly ELED 320)*

ELED 260 Classroom Experience in Elementary or Early Childhood Education (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 220 or ECED 230

The main focus of this course is to offer service learning in the classroom. This course mandates 60 hours in an early childhood or elementary classroom and six three-hour seminars as scheduled. Participants will be given performance-based assignments to be completed in the classroom. Seminars will be held on classroom organization and management, developmentally appropriate practices, small group instruction and effective practices.

ELED 298 Second Year Seminar (Speaking Intensive) (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ____199; Open to all sophomores and juniors who have completed ENGL 101, and the speaking skills requirement. Students with 54 or more transfer credits will have this requirement waived.

Cannot be taken if ____299 is taken for credit.

Second Year Seminars (SYS) are speaking-intensive, topic courses that build on the academic skills and habits introduced in the First Year Seminar. SYS courses engage students in a specific academic area of interest and provide them with the opportunity to reinforce, share and interpret knowledge. Students will improve their speaking, reading, research and basic information and technology skills while building the connections between scholarship and action that are required for lifelong learning. These courses will fulfill the Second Year Seminar requirement and may fulfill other requirements for the core curriculum. Each course may fulfill different requirements and topics may change each semester. Only one SYS course may be taken for credit. (CSYS)

ELED 299 Second Year Seminar (Writing Intensive) (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ____199; Open to all sophomores and juniors who have completed ENGL 101 and ENGL 102. Students with 54 or more transfer credits will have this requirement waived. Cannot be taken if ____298 is taken for credit.

Second Year Seminars (SYS) are writing-intensive topic courses that build on the academic skills and habits introduced in the First Year Seminar. SYS courses engage students in a specific academic area of interest and provide them with the opportunity to reinforce, share and interpret knowledge. Students will improve their writing, reading, research and basic information and technology skills while building the connections between scholarship

and action that are required for lifelong learning. These courses will fulfill the Second Year Seminar requirement and may fulfill other requirements for the core curriculum. Each course may fulfill different requirements and topics may change each semester. Only one SYS course may be taken for credit. (CSYS)

ELED 300 Elementary Art Methods (.5 credit)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program and passing scores on all appropriate MTEL®: Communication and Literacy, Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum
An introduction to methods and materials in art for the elementary teacher. Art projects typical of those done by children in grades K-6 are produced. Classroom management, bulletin board design and lesson introduction techniques are explored. Graded on a (P) Pass/(N) No Pass basis. *Either semester*

ELED 310 Teaching Science and Social Studies in the Elementary School (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program and passing scores on all appropriate MTEL®: Communication and Literacy, Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum
This course will examine the development of current curriculum that will influence the teaching of science and social studies. Emphasis will be placed on the methodologies of these disciplines with a strong focus on cooperative learning, assessment and hands-on science.

ELED 330 Teaching Reading in the Elementary School (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program and passing scores on all appropriate MTEL®: Communication and Literacy, Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum
A consideration of the teaching/learning processes involved in the acquisition of literacy: modeling teacher-child interactions and independent exploration. Careful monitoring of pupil progress and appropriate interventions are emphasized. *Either semester*

ELED 340 Teaching Language Arts in the Elementary School (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program and passing scores on all appropriate MTEL®: Communication and Literacy, Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum
Strategies in the elementary school to enhance the communication skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking through pupil involvement in purposeful communication will be stressed. Special emphasis will be given to the teaching of writing and to the development of thinking skills through questioning. *Either semester (CWRM)*

ELED 350 Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program and passing scores on all appropriate MTEL®: Communication and Literacy, Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum
Examining the purpose and content of the contemporary elementary school mathematics curriculum, this course

tMay be taken for graduate-level credit

emphasizes how children learn mathematics, a wide variety of teaching procedures and instructional materials, evaluation techniques for use in the classroom and pedagogical methodology for individualization. Designed also to create awareness of affective experiences in the teaching/learning process of elementary school mathematics. *Either semester*

ELED 355 International Study Tour in Elementary Education (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Acceptance through the International Programs Office
This course will offer students a chance to examine educational structures, policies and institutions of diverse societies and the influence of education on the different aspects of those societies. The travel study tour will begin with pre-travel planning at BSC where students have the opportunity to study the destination's educational system and related issues. Course contact will vary depending on faculty and topic selected, as will the specific content requirements and instructional strategies.

ELED 360 Teaching in a Standards-Based, Inclusive Elementary Classroom (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program and passing scores on all appropriate MTEL®: Communication and Literacy, Foundations of Reading and General Curriculum
This course explores ways to plan, teach and assess in a standards-based, inclusive classroom. Topics include standards-based curriculum development, constructivism, education evaluation, and assessment (including the design of a professional teaching portfolio). Classroom-based "inclusive" models and teaching strategies and professional teaching standards will be examined. *Either semester*

ELED 362 Methods and Materials in Elementary Art (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program
The objective of art education, role of the classroom teacher, developmental stages in the creative growth of children; materials, processes, tools and teaching procedures which will foster this growth at the various grade levels; correlation of art with other subject fields and evaluation of student progress. *Offered evenings and summers only*

ELED 457 Strategies for Managing Classroom Behavior (3 credits†)

This course will assist education students in developing their skills in classroom management. Consideration will be given to successful management models and teaching strategies as they apply to the developmental levels of children. *Offered evenings and summers only*

ELED 490 Supervised Teaching in the Elementary Schools: Art (6 or 12 credits†)

Prerequisite: Acceptance into student teaching
Supervised experiences in classroom art activities. Experiences gained in teaching techniques, materials, individual differences, and classroom management. Supervision by the cooperating teacher and college supervisor. Full time for either one quarter or a full semester. *Either semester*

ELED 491 Internship in Elementary Education (6 or 12 credits)

Prerequisite: Employment in a host school system; completion of all School of Education and Allied Studies and Departmental requirements; approval by the department (including site and mentor)
An internship is a supervised experience for one semester (at least 400 clock hours). To be eligible for an internship a candidate must be employed by the school system and be in the role of an elementary classroom teacher. During this internship a candidate will gain experience and refine his/her skills as a classroom teacher. Interns will have a qualified, on-site mentor and will be supervised by the college. A candidate must demonstrate his/her competencies for initial teaching licensure and complete documentation requirements.

ELED 492 Supervised Teaching in Public Schools:Elementary (6 or 12 credits)

Prerequisite: Acceptance into student teaching
This student-teaching practicum is a supervised experience for one semester. Candidates are assigned by the School of Education and Allied Studies to an appropriate elementary-school classroom (grades 1-6) where they will work to develop and refine their teaching skills. Candidates will have the opportunities to observe students and classrooms, design curriculum, practice effective classroom-management techniques, utilize contemporary teaching strategies and differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Candidates will be coached and supervised by a qualified, on-site cooperating practitioner and a faculty member of the elementary and early childhood department. Candidates are required to attend periodic seminars on educational topics relevant to the student teaching experience. A candidate must demonstrate his/her competencies for initial teaching licensure and complete all departmental requirements. May be taken for six or 12 credits. Dual licensure majors take ELED 492 for six credits. *Either semester*

ELED 498 Internship in Elementary Education (3-15 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
Off-campus experience in an area related to the major. In-depth exposure to educational programs, centers and institutions. This internship does not lead to teacher licensure.

ELED 499 Directed Study in Elementary Education (1-3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
Directed study is open to juniors and seniors who have demonstrated critical and analytical abilities in their studies and who wish to pursue a project independently. May be taken twice for a maximum of six credits. *Either semester*

ELED 502 Research (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
Original research undertaken by the graduate student in their field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled "Directed or Independent Study" in the "School of Graduate Studies" section of this catalog. This course may be repeated.

†May be taken for graduate-level credit

ELED 503 Directed Study (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
Directed study is designed for the graduate student who desires to study selected topics in a specific field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled "Directed or Independent Study" in the "School of Graduate Studies" section of this catalog. This course may be repeated.

ELED 510 Fundamentals of Elementary Education (3 credits)

This course is intended to be an introductory course at the Graduate Level for candidates seeking initial Licensure as an Elementary Teacher (Grades 1-6). The course is designed to offer students an understanding of numerous relevant topics in education, for example, the foundations of education as it relates to student learning, effective instructional practices and appropriate accommodations for diverse learners, classroom management models, lesson plan models, diversity and exceptionalities, technological applications for the elementary classroom and resources for practicing teachers. The course is also designed to help students make an informed decision as to their choice of becoming an elementary teacher. During a 40-hour pre-practica experience, aspiring teachers grow as professional educators as they interact with teachers and children, confirming their choice as an elementary educator. *Fall and spring semester and summer session I*

ELED 511 Theory and Practice in Teaching Reading (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 510 or ECED 510; and admission to the Professional Education Program
A thorough explanation is given of the social-psycho linguistic view of reading and its practical application in the elementary classroom. The acquisition of literacy will be explored through alphabetic principle, guided reading techniques, self-monitoring, teacher-child interactions and a variety of assessments. Students will design, implement and reflect on research-based elementary level reading lessons. The English/Language Arts Curriculum Framework will serve as a guide for classroom instruction.

ELED 512 Theory and Practice in Teaching Language Arts (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 510 and admission to the Professional Education Program
Explorations of language development and acquisition, writing processes and strategies, a variety of genres, motivational techniques and assessment tools will focus around integral components of the Language Arts Program. Effective literacy teaching techniques and strategies will be modeled and explained. Students will design, implement and reflect on research-based elementary language arts lessons. The Massachusetts English/ Language Arts Framework will be used as a guide to instruction within the elementary classroom.

ELED 513 Mathematical Applications for the Classroom (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 510 or ECED 510; and admission to the Professional Education Program

Teaching in the context of current research about how children learn mathematics, this course helps participants develop an understanding of what it means to do mathematics. Participants will explore and experience ways math can be taught through problem solving that develops both concepts and procedures. The Massachusetts State Frameworks and National Standards will be considered.

ELED 514 Exemplary Practice in Science and Social Studies Classrooms (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 510 or ECED 510; and admission to the Professional Education Program

Students in this class will examine the science content and process, which lead to inquiry teaching and learning in the global society. Emphasis will be placed on the acquisition of scientific literacy and global understanding for all students. The Massachusetts State Frameworks and National Standards will be considered. The course will prepare beginning teachers to bring innovation and excellence to all students in diverse classrooms.

ELED 515 Differentiating Instruction: Creating Inclusive Classrooms (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 510 and admission to the Professional Education Program

By participating in in-class and out-of-class experiences and by reviewing the literature related to child development, researched-based instructional and assessment practices and other related topics relevant to differentiating instruction, including child-study procedures and current laws, teacher candidates will be able to use assessment to guide classroom practices and instructional supports to differentiate instruction for all learners.

ELED 535 Mentoring Beginning Teachers (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of department chairperson

This course provides preparation and support for cooperating teachers, who are faculty members of local school districts. Each person who is enrolled in the course has a Bridgewater State College student teacher. Cooperating teachers will learn various tools to observe their student teachers in the classroom. Course participants will learn how to plan and conduct pre-observation and post-observation conferences. In addition, cooperating teachers will study the problems and issues facing beginning teachers in culturally diverse classrooms.

ELED 560 Special Topics in Elementary Education (variable credit)

Prerequisite: Course prerequisite may be specified depending upon the nature of the topic

Special topics of current relevance in elementary education will be offered from time to time. The topic to be addressed will be announced prior to registration. May be taken more than once with the consent of the adviser.

ELED 567 Contemporary Teaching Techniques for Mathematics (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ELED 350

Along with creating a comfortable mathematics environment, this course considers how to assist the student in problem-solving processes, appraisal of current mathematical programs, diagnosing computational error patterns, integrating the computer into the mathematics curriculum. Other selected topics are explored in light of current mathematical standards and trends.

ELED 571 International Study Program in Elementary Education (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Consent of the International Programs Office

This course will offer BSC students a chance to examine educational structures, policies and institutions of diverse societies and the influence of education on different aspects of those societies. The travel study abroad program will begin with pre-travel planning at BSC where students have the opportunity to study the destination's system and related issues. Course content will vary depending on faculty and topic selected, as will the specific content requirements as long as BSC requisites are followed. Each course will use a variety of instructional strategies, once again depending on their professor's intentions, goals for the students and resources available in-country. This course is repeatable for credit.

ELED 591 Employment-Based Practicum: Elementary Education (12 credits)

Prerequisite: Matriculation into the MEd Elementary Education program (Initial License); a passing score in all state licensure exams required for elementary teachers prior to enrolling in this course; employment in a host elementary school as the classroom teacher of record; completion of all School of Education and Allied Studies and departmental requirements; application to the department; approval by the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education as well as the site of employment and the on-site mentor.

This is an employment-based practicum where the candidate is employed as the official teacher of record for the elementary classroom and will be in the role of the elementary classroom teacher. During this practicum, the candidate will gain experience and refine his/her skills as an elementary classroom teacher. Candidates will have a qualified, on-site mentor and will be supervised by the college. The candidate must demonstrate his/her competencies for initial teaching licensure and complete documentation requirements.

ELED 592 Practicum: Elementary Education (6 or 12 credits)

Prerequisite: Acceptance and good standing in teacher preparation program

This graduate-level practicum involves supervised experiences in classroom activities and experiences gained in teaching techniques, individual differences and classroom management. Opportunities are available in a variety of instructional environments. Supervision by the cooperating teacher and college supervisor. Full-time for either one quarter or a full semester. *Either semester*



Course Descriptions

Other Approved Courses

- ELED 390 Field-Based Practicum
- ELED 441 Methods and Materials in Outdoor Education for the Elementary Teacher
- ELED 450 Elementary School Curriculum
- ELED 452 Methods and Materials in Elementary Education
- ELED 454 Seminar in Elementary Education
- ELED 456 Current Issues in Elementary Education
- ELED 494 Supervised Teaching in the Elementary School—Music
- ELED 520 The Changing Context of Teaching: Mentoring, Clinical Supervision and Peer Coaching
- ELED 530 Enhancing Language Skills in the Classroom
- ELED 551 Discovering Science: Current Elementary School Science Programs
- ELED 552 Advanced Methods for Teaching Science and Social Studies: Theory into Practice
- ELED 554 Graduate Seminar in Elementary Education
- ELED 556 Curriculum for the Gifted Child in Elementary Schools
- ELED 566 Technological Applications for Education
- ELED 573 Developing Elementary School Curriculum
- ELED 580 LOGO for the Microcomputer in the Elementary Classroom
- ELED 590 Advanced Research Topics in Computer Education for the Elementary School