

Bachelor of Science in Education: Elementary Education Pre K-4

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With Concentrations in: 1) Math and Science, 2) Math and English/Language Art and Reading, 3) Math and Social Studies, 4) Science, English/Language Art and Reading, 5) Science and Social Studies

Our future is in the children - which is why it's so important to nurture, educate and guide them in life. Elementary education teachers have a dramatic impact and role in the life of children. The Department of Elementary Education program prepares teacher candidates for all the challenges involved in educating today's young minds through general and specialized course curricula.

Career types associated with Elementary Education

Social - "Helper"

Enterprising - "Persuader"

Artistic - "Creator"

Related skills, values, and qualities

- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate ideas, facts and abstract concepts to others
- Ability to interact with people of diverse backgrounds and personalities
- Desire and ability to work with children and youth
- Enthusiasm for teaching
- Sense of humor and friendly attitude
- Ability to organize, maintain records and meet deadlines
- Ability to use and incorporate technology into teaching
- Ability to make decisions, solve problems and remain calm in stressful situations
- Ability to adjust to close public scrutiny & criticism

Courses Elementary Education majors enjoy

- Psychology
- Public Speaking
- English
- Interpersonal Communications
- Child Development
- Sociology
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math

Common interests of Elementary Edu. majors:

- Working part-time or as a volunteer in a preschool, nursery, elementary, or middle school
- Playing team sports or participating in community service organizations
- Serving as a religious school, children's church or vacation Bible school teacher
- Attending lectures, workshops, or conventions related to education
- Helping to organize and plan social events
- Working part-time or as a volunteer peer/camp counselor, tutor, 4-H leader or scout leader

For more information about the major:

Contact the Elementary, Middle Level, Library and Technologies Education Department
201 Beekey, 610-683-4262

KU Majors related to Elementary Education:

Middle level Education, Special Education, Library Science, Art Education, Music Education

El Ed students may also be interested in:

Advertising *, Cinema, Television and Media Production, Economics *, English, German Studies, History, Human Resource Mgt. (cert), International Studies *, Literature *, Marketing, Multicultural Studies *, PA German Studies *, Philosophy/Religious Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Relations *, Secondary Education, Spanish, Sport Administration, Social Work, Sociology, Speech Communication, Women's Studies *, Writing* * minor only

FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE

1ST YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
- Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
- Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
- Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
- Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
- Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
- Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.

DISCOVER

2ND YEAR

- Meet with CDC career coach.
- Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and externships.
- Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
- Research careers of interest.
- Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
- Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
- Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
- Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
- Manage your online presence.

EXPERIENCE

3RD YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
- Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
- Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
- Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
- Complete a mock interview.
- Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
- Participate in Careers Cafe & networking programs.
- Attend internship & job fairs.
- Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
- Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.

IMPLEMENT

4TH YEAR

- Attend your senior kick-off and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Create cover letter drafts.
- Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
- Secure references for job/grad school applications.
- Create your "30 second" commercial.
- Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
- Research employers.
- Network with professionals through events and social media.
- Join a professional organization in your discipline.
- Attend the senior etiquette dinner.
- Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

Sample Career Titles

Elementary Education majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

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| • Adult Education Teacher | • Educational Materials Sales | • Religious Education Teacher |
| • Adventure/Outdoor Edu. Teacher | • Educational Researcher | • Religious Education Coordinator |
| • Alumni Relations Coordinator | • Educational Therapist | • School Psychologist |
| • Assistant Principal | • Elementary School Teacher | • School Social Worker |
| • Athletic Coach/Director | • Employee Training Instructor | • School Superintendent |
| • Business Education Teacher | • Grant Writer | • Secondary School Teacher |
| • Child Life Specialist | • Guidance Counselor | • Social Services Volunteer |
| • College President | • Historic Site Administrator | • Special Education Administrator |
| • College Professor/Dean | • Kindergarten Teacher | • Special Education Teacher |
| • Community/Public Svc. Administrator | • Librarian | • Speech Pathologist |
| • Counselor | • Library Consultant | • Student Admissions Administrator |
| • Day Care Administrator | • Missionary Worker | • Student Affairs Administrator |
| • Director of Guidance | • Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer | • Tutor |
| • Education and Training Administrator | • Personnel Director | • Curriculum Specialist |
| • Education Management Specialist | • Preschool Administrator | • Textbook Writer |
| • Educational Administrator | • Preschool Teacher | • Training Specialist |
| • Education Consultant | • Principal | • Tutor |
| • Educational Resource Coordinator | • Registrar | • Vocational Rehab Counselor |
| | • Resource Teacher | • Vocational/Technical Teacher |

To learn more about these careers, visit <http://online.onetcenter.org> or www.bls.gov/oco.

Common Internship Sites and Employers

Elementary Education majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries:

- Business and Industry
- Camps
- Public and Private Schools
- Churches
- Colleges and Universities
- Youth Services
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Community Centers/Non Profits
- Educational Publishers
- Child Care Agencies
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- State and Federal Government

Handshake

Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers. www.kutztown.edu/handshake

Useful Websites for Elementary Education Majors:

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

Industry/Employment Information

O*NET OnLine
www.onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook.
www.bls.gov/ooh

PA Department of Education
www.pa.gov/agencies/education/html

NJ Department of Education
www.state.nj.us/education

Education Week
www.edweek.org

LinkedIn Jobs
www.linkedin.com/jobs

Job/Internship Search Boards

PA-REAP
www.pareap.net

PA-Educator.net
www.pa-educator.net

Teachers-Teachers
www.teachers-teachers.com

Southern Teacher's Agency
www.southernteachers.com

Education Job Page
www.nationjob.com/education

School Spring
www.schoolspring.com

US-REAP
www.reap.net

Pennsylvania State School Boards Assoc.
www.PSBA.org

Professional Associations

PA School Board Association
www.psba.org

American Federation of Teachers
www.aft.org

PA State Education Association
www.psea.org

National Education Association
www.nea.org

National Association for the Education of Young Children
www.naeyc.org

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
www.tesol.org

Association of Childhood Education International
www.acei.org

Building Your Resume for a Career in Elementary Education

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge to real life situations.

Elle Education

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PROFILE

Interested in working at an Elementary school to teach science.

CERTIFICATION

Elementary Education – Science & Social Studies 4-8

EDUCATION

B.S.Ed. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Major: Elementary Education/Science and Social Studies Grades 4-8

Minor: Psychology

GPA: 3.82

Dean's List

Kutztown, PA

May 20xx

Fall 20xx-Spring 20xx

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reading School District, 10th & Penn Elementary

Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience

- Teach in sixth-grade social science and natural science groups
- Coordinate Marine Science Fair for students to display projects

Reading, PA

Nov 20xx-Present

Boyetown Area School District, New Hanover-Upper Frederick Elementary

Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience

- Co-taught in a fourth grade classroom of 16 ELL's using Live Action English Interactive software
- Participated in leading a fifth-grade science project focusing on photosynthesis

Boyetown, PA

Sept-Oct 20xx

Southern Lehigh School District, Liberati Intermediate School

Professional Semester Student

- Taught eighth-grade U.S. history classes
- Implemented special lesson plans for National Black History Month
- Assisted in coaching of girls basketball

Center Valley, PA

Feb-Mar 20xx

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Fleetwood Area School District, Richmond Elementary

Math Tutor

- Tutored students in grades 3-5 on current math lessons and homework

Fleetwood, PA

Aug-Dec 20xx

Northwest Children's Centre, Inc.

Teacher's Aide

- Assisted teachers in coordination of daily activities for twelve five-year-olds
- Created and implemented developmentally appropriate activities, both indoors and outdoors

New Tripoli, PA

Jan 20xx-Aug 20xx

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)

Vice President

- Attended PSEA State Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center
- Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center

20xx-Present

Fall 20xx-Spring 20xx

March 20xx

Spring 20xx

Fall 20xx

WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas Roadhouse

Server/Hostess

- Train new employees by reviewing restaurant procedures and proper customer service techniques
- Resolve customer issues and maintain a clean and safe environment

Trexlerstown, PA

Sept 20xx-Present

Take note of the skills and knowledge obtained through your educational background and hands-on experiences. Highlight transferable skills such as time management, organization and rapport building.

Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through clinical practice and related work or volunteer experience.

Develop professionally through campus involvement and professional memberships. This illustrates responsibility, leadership abilities and time management skills.

