

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

Elementary Education

Department of Teaching and Learning



Program Overview and Highlights

The Elementary Education Program is designed to prepare students to enter the classroom as effective, enthusiastic, and responsible educators.

This clinically rich program embraces a pedagogy of inquiry, innovation, inclusion and integration. These four pillars serve as the foundation for the integration of coursework and field-based experiences in partnership school settings. This program provides students with valuable, active learning opportunities by integrating coursework with field-based experiences that equip students with skills to be highly qualified teachers in diverse settings.

This is a full-time, cohort-style program with clinical experiences in primary and intermediate elementary grades. Courses for earning an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement are included in this program. Students can select from two options: Elementary Education Urban Teacher Residency Partnership Program and Elementary Education Cohort Program.

Some courses in this program include:

- Creating and Differentiating Learning Environments
- Learning and Development within a School Context
- Emergent Literacy Strategies and Assessment

What Can I Do with this Degree?

Upon successful completion of this state-approved, accredited educator preparation program, students are eligible for state of Florida initial teacher certification in elementary education (grades K-6) and are competitive applicants for positions such as:

- Elementary School Teacher
- After-School Program Director
- Educational Programs Specialist

Student Organizations & Involvement

The College of Education encourages participation in campus organizations, including:

- eduCARE, the College of Education's Living Learning Community
- The SunCoast Area Teacher Training and Educational Research Program (SCATTER), the College of Education's Honors Program
- Kappa Delta Pi, the College of Education's chapter of the international honor society in the field of education

Admissions Requirements

To be admitted to this program, students must submit a separate application to the College of Education. Students must also:

- Be admitted to the University of South Florida
- Have a 2.5 or higher GPA
- Complete pre-requisite coursework
- Successfully complete all sections of the FTCE General Knowledge Test

Visit www.usf.edu/education/advising/undergraduate/coedu-applications.aspx for application links and deadlines.

Select programs may have additional application requirements. Please visit an advisor to review specific program guidelines.

Scholarships & Financial Assistance

Students are encouraged to inquire about scholarships, grants, loans and repayment programs to help finance their education. Financial aid information, including application guidelines and eligibility requirements, can be found at:

- www.usf.edu/financial-aid
- www.usf.edu/education/undergraduate/scholarships-grants.aspx

For more information, please contact:

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