Elementary Education
+ School of Education

Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in elementary education
+ Minor in Catholic education

Program Overview
The B.A. in elementary education program at Saint Louis University aims to develop reflective practitioners educated in the liberal tradition and committed to service, inquiry and value-centered teaching. It also seeks to prepare future teachers who have leadership qualities including risk-taking, civic responsibility and ethical character.

The elementary education program is for students who are curious, creative and well-organized. Students learn communication skills and special techniques specific to learners in first–sixth grade. Elementary education professionals are expected to have knowledge about all subjects.

To be accepted into the teacher certification program, students must have: a 2.75 cumulative GPA, a 3.0 GPA in professional education and in their content area, a passing score in MoGEA and completed the MEP. In addition, a student must pass the content area test in the chosen field, complete a program portfolio and complete the MoPTA.

The department has instituted the “block” concept into the teacher education program. The first block addresses issues related to classroom observation, studying learning theory and examining schools as a social system, and human growth and development. Block two examines diversity, learning and teaching styles, and exceptionality. The remaining blocks include methods of teaching various subject matter areas and levels and developing learning activities. The culmination of the program is the professional semester block. During this semester the student will spend the greatest amount of time teaching in a public or private school setting.

Curriculum
Courses required for all education majors in the School of Education include:
+ EDI 2940/3940/4940: Portfolio Development
+ EDI 4210: Instructional Technology
+ EDI 4220: Critical Thinking and Writing
+ EDI 4250: Elementary School Curriculum and Instruction
+ EDI 4300: Foundations of Elementary School
+ EDI 4310: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Science
+ EDI 4420: Assessing Classroom Performance
+ EDI 4470: Teaching Methods for an Inclusive Classroom
+ EDI 4500: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4510: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4520: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4530: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4540: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4550: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4560: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4570: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4580: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4590: Creative Arts and Movement
+ EDI 4600: Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Learners
+ EDI 4610: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Science
+ EDI 4620: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4630: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
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+ EDI 4670: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4680: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4690: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4700: Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Learners
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+ EDI 4980: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies
+ EDI 4990: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Social Studies

Additional courses required for students pursuing a B.A. in elementary education include:
+ Speech and Language Development
+ EDI 2020: Foundations of Elementary School
+ EDI 2000: Children’s Literature and Media
+ EDI 3000: Foundations of Literacy and Language Arts
+ EDI 3420: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Mathematics
+ EDI 3430: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Physical Education
+ EDI 3440: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Physical Education
+ EDI 3450: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Physical Education
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+ EDI 3490: Creative Arts and Movement
+ EDI 3500: Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Learners
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+ EDI 3580: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Science
+ EDI 3590: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Science
+ EDI 3600: Elementary School Methods of Teaching Science
+ EDI 3610: Health for Education Majors
+ EDI 3620: Cultural Diversity in the Classroom
+ EDI 3630: Classroom Organization and Management
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+ EDI 3980: Classroom Organization and Management
+ EDI 3990: Classroom Organization and Management

Students in the School of Education are also required to complete the core curriculum required by the University, providing a well-rounded liberal arts background to enhance their educational experience and professional value.

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Graduate Programs
Saint Louis University offers a variety of graduate programs in education, educational leadership and higher education. For a full listing of programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.

Learn More For course listings and more information about our faculty, visit slu.edu/education.xml.

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Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers

Practica, classroom observations and student teaching are integrated in the education and public service curriculum experience at Saint Louis University. Throughout the program, students will spend a significant amount of time in local public or private schools. The faculty at Saint Louis University arranges placement in schools. Mutual satisfaction of the student, University and school districts is the goal of such placements.

Most graduates elect to pursue a career in teaching, but many choose to continue their studies in one of our graduate programs before entering the work force.

Career options in elementary education include:
- Arts and education program coordinator
- Educational outreach professional
- Teacher, first through eighth grade
- Private tutor
- Nonprofit specialist

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.