

Elementary Education

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Major

A student in the VCSU Elementary Education, upon successful completion of the program, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education as well as an initial North Dakota teaching license in grades 1-8. Elementary education majors will be required to spend over 150 hours in various field experiences, prior to completing a twelve-week student teaching experience. VCSU strives to prepare its teacher candidates for authentic classroom teaching by exposing them to as many real-world teaching experiences, and will license teacher candidates as substitute teachers in their senior year. This will allow VCSU teacher candidates to experience teaching independently, in addition to their supervised student teaching.

Job placement after graduation is a priority at VCSU and to make its teacher candidates highly marketable mandates teacher candidates to add at least one endorsement, credential or certificate or minor in high need areas such as: kindergarten, English Language Learners (ELLs), special education and STEM education to their Elementary Education major. Job placement rates can be found at http://www.vcsu.edu/teacher_ed/.

ACCREDITATIONS

- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

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- Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)
- Student North Dakota United (SNDU)

Teacher Education Requirements

Students will be typically admitted into Teacher Education during their sophomore year of year after successfully passing the Praxis CORE test. Admission to Teacher Education is also predicated upon a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75. Additional criteria for Admission to Teacher Education can be found at the following website: www.vcsu.edu/teacher_ed/.

"The VCSU Elementary Education program not only gave me the tools I needed to be a successful teacher, but also the opportunity to be a successful learner. The program prepares pre-service teachers for the realities and excitement of the teaching profession, along with strong support throughout a graduate's teaching career." —Samantha Isane '16, Golden Valley, MN.; Cheney Middle School, West Fargo, ND.

"The Elementary Education program is very personable. The teachers get to know you and help you grow into an amazing teacher!" —Whitney (Hulm) Weigel '13, Linton, ND.; kindergarten teacher, Napoleon, ND.

"The teacher education program at VCSU prepared me for the realities of teaching today's children. I feel confident about the theory and practice, as well as using technology in teaching. I recommend VCSU to

any prospective elementary teachers." —Emily (Waswick) Harrison '14, Gwinner, ND.; West Fargo (N.D.) Public Schools

Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Biology lab science (Gen Ed)	4	English Composition (Gen Ed)	3
CIS 170 or CSCI 127	3	Geology lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
COMM 110 (Gen Ed)	3	HIST 103 or 104 (Gen Ed)	3
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	PSYC 111 (Gen Ed)	3
HPER 100 (Gen Ed)	2	MATH 103 or 104 (Gen Ed)	3
UNIV 150	1		
	16		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Chemistry or Physics lab science (Gen Ed)	4	EDUC 210	2
EDUC 250	3	EDUC 283	3
Literacies - OR - Art & Music (Gen Ed)	3	EDUC 321	3
MATH 277	3	EDUC 352	1
PSYC 250	3	MATH 278	2
		GEOG 111	2
		Literacies - OR - Art & Music (Gen Ed)	3
	16		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 240	3	EDUC 320	3
EDUC 300	2	EDUC 323	2
EDUC 322	3	EDUC 450	2
EDUC 330	3	Endorsement courses	3-9
Endorsement courses	3-6		
	14-17		10-16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 315	3	EDUC 400	2
EDUC 350	2	EDUC 491	1
EDUC 355	3	EDUC 490	10
Endorsement Courses	3-6		
	11-14		13

Total Credits 112-124

Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.