

## Elementary Education

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### Major

A student of the VCSU Elementary Education program receives a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and an initial North Dakota teaching license in grades 1-6. Elementary education majors at VCSU spend over 150 hours in the schools before a twelve-week student teaching experience. Teacher candidates can add endorsements and credentials in early childhood, kindergarten, English language learners, middle school, reading, strategit special education or STEM education. Job placement rates can be found at [http://www.vcsu.edu/teacher\\_ed/](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 are typically admitted into Teacher Education during their sophomore year or beginning of their junior year of college. This program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and successful completion of the Praxis I test. Additional criteria for Admission to Teacher Education can be found at the following website: [www.vcsu.edu/teacher\\_ed/](http://www.vcsu.edu/teacher_ed/).

*"To be an effective teacher, I need to be able to learn from every lesson and from every student. The TLC unit gave me the opportunity to do this and I have already used what I have learned in other lessons I have planned. Both my supervising teacher and I have noticed differences in the way that I plan, implement and evaluate, due to the different components of this project." —Amy Miller '12, Roseau, Minn.; L.E. Berger Elementary School, West Fargo, N.D.*

*"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, N.D.; kindergarten teacher, Napoleon, N.D.*

*"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, N.D.; 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

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CIS 170 or CSCI 127 (Gen Ed)	3	HIST 103 or 104 (Gen Ed)	3
MATH 103 (or higher (Gen Ed))	3	Humanities (Gen Ed)	3
Speech Communication (Gen Ed)	3	PSYC 111 (Gen Ed)	3
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	17		16

#### Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Chemistry or Physics lab science (Gen Ed)	4	EDUC 210	2
GEOG 111	2	EDUC 283	3
EDUC 250	3	EDUC 321	3
MATH 277	3	HPER 100 (Gen Ed)	2
PSYC 250	3	MATH 278	2
		Literacies (Gen Ed)	3
	15		15

#### Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 330	3	EDUC 322	3
EDUC 352	1	EDUC 320	3
EDUC 300	2	EDUC 240	2
EDUC 323	2	Endorsement course	3
Endorsement course	3-6	Endorsement course	3
		Endorsement course	2
	11-14		16

#### Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 315	3	EDUC 491	1
EDUC 350	2	EDUC 400	2
EDUC 450	2	EDUC 490	10
EDUC 355	3		
Endorsement Course	3		
Endorsement Course	3		
	16		13

Total Credits 119-122

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