



Elementary Education

About this Composite Major



Upon successful completion of the VCSU Elementary Education program, a student will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and be eligible for an initial North Dakota teaching license in grade 1-8. Elementary Education majors are 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 many real-world teaching experiences. Teacher Candidates are encouraged to obtain a Substitute Teaching License and will spend time substitute teaching. 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. To enhance employment opportunities, teacher candidates add at least one endorsement, certificate, or minor in high need areas such as kindergarten, English Language Learners (ELL), STEM Education, or special education to their Elementary Education major.

Meet a Student



I knew I wanted to be in an elementary classroom through mentor opportunities in my high school. What I enjoy most about the elementary education program here is the professors, and the content they bring into the classroom. I have been introduced to so many materials and technology that I can't wait to utilize in my classroom! - Saige Forseth, Hillsboro, N.D.

Accreditations

VCSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); and The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Teacher Education Requirements

Students will be typically admitted into Teacher Education during their sophomore year after successfully passing the Praxis CORE test, a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75, plus additional criteria that can be found on the following website: www.onestop.vcsu.edu (<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000052001-teacher-education/>).



Get Involved in your Major



- Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)
- Student North Dakota United (SNDU)
- Substitute Teaching coaching and licensure
- Education Student Advisory Committee

Contact Information

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Department Location

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(701) 845-7101 or (800) 532-8641, ext. 7101

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 (Gen Ed)	3	Geology lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
COMM 110 (Gen Ed)	3	HIST 103 or 104 (Gen Ed)	3
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	MATH 104 (Gen Ed)	3
HPER 100 (Gen Ed)	2	PSYC 111 (Gen Ed)	3
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	16		16

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Chemistry or Physics lab science (Gen Ed)	4	EDUC 210	2
EDUC 250	3	EDUC 278	3
EDUC 277	3	EDUC 283	3
Literacies - OR - Art & Music (Gen Ed)	3	EDUC 321	3
PSYC 250	3	EDUC 352	1
		GEOG 111 (Gen Ed)	3
		Literacies - OR - Art & Music (Gen Ed)	3
	16		18

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 240	3	EDUC 320	3
EDUC 300	2	EDUC 323	3
EDUC 322	3	EDUC 450	2
EDUC 330	3	Endorsement courses	3-9
Endorsement courses	3-6		
	14-17		11-17

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDUC 315	3	EDUC 490	10
EDUC 350	2	EDUC 491	1
EDUC 355	3		
EDUC 400	2		
Endorsement Courses	3-6		
	13-16		11

Total Credits 115-127

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



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ONLINE COURSE ROTATION

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
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Elementary Education Required Courses

EDUC 278 - Math for Elem Teach II
EDUC 320 - Social Studies Methods
EDUC 321 - Foundations of Reading
EDUC 323 - Methods of Reading
EDUC 350 - Practicum
EDUC 351 - Sec. Prac. & Class Mgmt
EDUC 355 - Science Methods
EDUC 491 - Portfolio

Professional Education Sequence

EDUC 240 - Educating Exceptional
EDUC 249 - Intro to VCSU
EDUC 250 - Introduction to Education
EDUC 283 - Cultural Diversity
EDUC 300 - Educational Psychology
EDUC 352 - Cultural Diversity Pract.
EDUC 400 - Educational Psychology
EDUC 450 - Trends in Assessment
EDUC 475 - Student Teaching- Secondary
EDUC 480 - Student Teaching- Secondary
EDUC 490 - Student Teaching- Elementary
PSYC 250 - Developmental Psychology

Elementary Education Required Courses

EDUC 210 - Creative Activities
EDUC 277 - Math for Elem Teachers I
EDUC 315 - Math in Elementary School
EDUC 320 - Social Studies Methods
EDUC 321 - Foundations of Reading
EDUC 322 - Methods of Language Arts
EDUC 330 - Children's Literature
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Elementary Education Required Courses

Professional Education Sequence
EDUC 400 - Educ Psychology
(Synchronous & Online)

CERTIFICATE & ENDORSEMENT ROTATION

***Endorsement coursework is available online and should be planned with a VCSU education advisor before starting the online elementary education program. Endorsement coursework is not required and may require additional semesters.*

	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
KINDERGARTEN	EDUC 310 (3) Intro to Early Childhood EDUC 337 (3) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (60-hour practicum) EDUC 485 (5) Kindergarten Student Teaching (15 Weeks)	EDUC 313 (2) Language and Literacy EDUC 337 (3) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (60-hour practicum) EDUC 435 (4) Kindergarten Education and Curriculum EDUC 485 (5) Kindergarten Student Teaching (6 Weeks)	EDUC 310 (3) Intro to Early Childhood EDUC 313 (2) Language and Literacy EDUC 337 (3) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (60-hour practicum) EDUC 435 (4) Kindergarten Education and Curriculum
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	EDUC 363 (2) Assessing ELL Proficiency ENGL 409 (3) Language and Culture EDUC 464 (2) Practicum in ELL	ENGL 309 (3) Linguistics & Lang. Acquisitions (seven years) EDUC 390 (2) Methods of Teaching ELL EDUC 464 (2) Practicum in ELL	ENGL 309 (3) Linguistics & Lang. Acquisitions EDUC 381 (2) Foundations of Bilingual
READING CERTIFICATE	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC 431 (2) Reading Practicum	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC 431 (2) Reading Practicum	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC 431 (2) Reading Practicum
MIDDLE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem	EDUC 305 (3) Philosophy & Curriculum Middle School EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 470 (3) Methods of Teaching in Middle School
SPECIAL EDUCATION	SPED 333 (3) Assessment of Children with Disabilities SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 380 (3) Collab, Consult, Trans & Inclusion SPED 382 (2) Methods and Mat. SLD SPED 383 (2) Methods and Mat. ED SPED 486 - (5) Student Teaching Experience in SLD, ED, and ID (6 weeks) EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties	SPED 310 (3) Behavior Modification SPED 333 (3) Assessment of Children with Disabilities SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 383 (2) Methods and Mat. ED SPED 384 (2) Methods and Mat. ID SPED 486 - (5) Student Teaching Experience in SLD, ED, and ID (6 weeks) EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties	SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 380 (3) Collab, Consult, Trans & Inclusion EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties
STEM EDUCATION CERTIFICATE	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 300 (3) Inventions and Innovations - Technology Education for Children	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 355 (3) Curriculum and Methods for Elementary	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 310 (3) Design, Tech and Engineering for Children STEM ED 342 (3) Building Math

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