



**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in Special Education/Elementary Education**  
**Learning and Behavior Disorders and Elementary Education**  
**Program Reference # 5003**  
 School of Teacher Education  
 College of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
 Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

**Success Markers**

SAMPLE - 4 year plan

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p>Visit <a href="#">The Learning Center</a> for free tutoring</p> <p>Field Experience required for most teacher education courses – students must have KY Criminal Background Check and Physical with TB Test or Risk Assessment on file with teacher services prior to any field experience</p> <p>World Language Requirement: Suggested to take it early if needed for Foreign Language Proficiency – You may take Foreign Lang Proficiency Exam any time between now and 60 hours</p>	PSY 100 – Intro to Psychology (Colonnade <b>Explorations</b> Social and Behavioral Sciences Course)	3	EDU 250 – Intro to Teacher Education
ENG 100 – College Writing (Colonnade <b>Foundations</b> Human Communication Course)		3	Math 205 Numbers Systems and Number Theory for Teachers	3
HIST 101 – World History I OR HIST 102 World History II (Colonnade <b>Foundations</b> Course for World History)		3	ENG 200 – Intro to Literature (Colonnade <b>Foundations</b> Literary Studies Course) <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3
COMM 145 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking (Colonnade <b>Foundations</b> Human Communication Course)		3	BIOL 113/114 General Biology (Colonnade <b>Explorations</b> Natural and Physical Sciences Course with Lab)	3/4
Math 109-General Mathematics (Colonnade <b>Foundations</b> Quantitative Reasoning Course)		3	Colonnade <b>Explorations</b> Arts and Humanities Course e.g. Art 100; Art 105; Danc 110; Mus 120; Film 276; Phil 101; Rels 100 etc.	3
<b>Alternate Choice</b> if needed: EDU 175 University Experience for Teachers		3	<b>OPTIONAL</b> Foreign Language Course if Needed – See World Language Requirement for Colonnade FAQ: <a href="https://wku.edu/colonnade/documents/faq.pdf">https://wku.edu/colonnade/documents/faq.pdf</a>	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16/19</b>

SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
<p>Volunteer or Join a Student Organization</p> <p><b>SPED 330 requires a B grade or higher</b></p> <p><b>LTCY 320 requires a C grade or higher</b></p>	SPED 330 – Diversity in Learning - Take this course <i>this</i> semester to stay on track!!!! <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3	LTCY 320 –Foundations of Teaching Literacy in Elementary (EDU 250* & PSY 310*) <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3
	LME 448 Technology Apps in Education OR CIS 141 basic Computer Literacy	3	MATH 308 – Rational Numbers and Data Analysis for Teachers (MATH 206* with C or higher)	3
	MATH 206 – Fundamentals of Geometry for Teachers	3	Colonnade <b>Connections</b> Social and Cultural Course e.g. ANTH 360; COMM 263; ECON 375; FLD 330; HIST 317 etc.	3

<p>May take Foreign Language now or in summer/winter term – Suggested to take it early if needed for Foreign Language Proficiency</p>	ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines (Colonnade <b>Foundations</b> Writing in the Disciplines Course)	3		3
	Colonnade <b>Explorations</b> Natural and Physical Science Course with Lab if no lab with first Natural Science course – you need 6 hours of Natural and Physical Science – if you took BIO 113 in second semester, you need to take a different area in this semester. e.g. ASTR; CHEM; GEOG; GEOL; PHYS	3/4	Colonnade <b>Connections</b> Local to Global Course e.g. GEOG 216; HIST 379; PS 357; SOCL 240 etc.	3
	PSY 310 – Educational Psychology	3	SPED 335 Foundations of Special Education – MUST TAKE NOW – THIS IS A PREREQUISITE FOR ALL OTHER SPED COURSES IN YOUR PROGRAM	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

SUMMER TERM	Summer Term	
Attend a WKU baseball game!	Foreign Language if not yet taken and needed	3
	Colonnade Course Requirements that you haven't yet taken	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>3 / 6</b>

THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester PRE BLOCK	Spring Semester BLOCK I ENROLLMENT IS ONLY ALLOWED TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FULLY ADMITTED TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN BLOCK I
<p>Visit <a href="#">Career Services</a></p> <p>FALL SEMESTER IS PRE-BLOCK – STUDENTS MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT FULLY BY THE END OF THIS SEMESTER TO CONTINUE IN THE MAJOR</p> <p>STUDENTS MAY NOT CONTINUE IN THE MAJOR UNTIL ADMITTED TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (TEACHER ADMISSION)</p>	SPED 340 – LBD Elementary Instructional Methods <i>(Prerequisite – SPED 335)</i>	SPED 424 Inclusion, Collaboration and Diversity in the Classroom <i>(Prerequisite – SPED 335)</i> <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>
	SPED 345 LBD Secondary Methods <i>(Prerequisite – SPED 335)</i> <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	ELED 365 Teaching Strategies for Elementary Teachers <i>(Prerequisites: ELED 345 and SPED 330 with grades of “C” or higher AND Admission to Teacher Education PRIOR to Enrolling in this course; Corequisite: ELED 365)</i> <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>

LME 318 Children's Literature	3	ELED 407 – Materials and Methods in Social Studies (Prerequisites: ELED 345 and SPED 330 with grades of "C" or higher AND Admission to Teacher Education PRIOR to Enrolling in this course) <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3
HIST 456 OR GEOG 451 Requirement for Elementary Certification	3	SPED 350 – Assessment in Special Education (Prerequisite – SPED 335 AND Admission to Teacher Education PRIOR to Enrolling in this Course) <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3
Colonnade <b>Connections</b> Systems Course e.g. AMS 368; CO 349; GEOG 226; Math 240; PS 220 etc.	3	LTCY 420 – Literacy Methods in the Elementary Grades (Prerequisites: LTCY 320 and SPED 340 with grades of "C" or higher AND Admission to Teacher Education PRIOR to Enrolling in this Course) <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3
		PE/EL 354 – Physical Education for Elementary Schools	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15 / 18</b>

FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<a href="#">Apply for Graduation</a> <b>APPLY FOR STUDENT TEACHING EARLY IN FALL SEMESTER</b>  Students must register, pay, and pass Praxis II exams during this fall semester prior to student teaching. Tests are given by the ETS during November in the fall. Check the EPSB website for specific tests for your areas of certification.	ELED 405 – Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>	3	EDU 489 Student Teaching Seminar
ELED 406 – Teaching Science in the Elementary School <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>		3	SPED 490 – Student Teaching (1/2 Elementary Education and 1/2 Special Education LBD)	10
SPED 480 – Senior Project for Learning and Behavior Disorders <b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>		3	<b>EXPLORE STUDENT TEACHING ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES EARLY!!!!</b>  <b>APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT TEACHING ARE DUE EARLY THE SEMESTER PRIOR TO STUDENT TEACHING!!!</b>	
SPED 425 – LBD Language Interventions: Strategies and Materials (Prerequisite – SPED 335 AND Admission to Teacher Education PRIOR to Enrolling in this Course)		3		

<p>Students cannot be recommended for certification until all Praxis II exams required receive passing scores.</p> <p>Spring Student Teaching requires students to begin the semester when the school districts return from Summer and Winter Break – typically earlier than when the university returns after winter break.</p>	<b>FIELD HOURS REQUIRED</b>		
	MUS 314 Comprehensive Art Education for the Elementary Teacher <i>(Prerequisites ART 310, MUS 311)</i>	3	
	SPED 400 – Behavior Management Strategies in Special Education <i>(Prerequisites SPED 424 and admission to professional education)</i>		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours: 134 TO 137</b>			

**For more Information:**

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