

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (MAT)

The Master of Arts in Teaching: Elementary Education is designed to deliver outstanding teacher preparation.

Licensure: Upon successful completion of Elementary Education: Licensure degree requirements, candidates are eligible to apply for a Professional Educator License (PEL) with an elementary endorsement from the state of Illinois for grades 1 through 6.

Non-Licensure: Upon successful completion of Elementary Education: Non-Licensure degree requirements, candidates are not eligible to apply for any state of Illinois endorsement.

Pathway 1: Upon successful completion of Pathway 1 degree requirements, candidates are eligible to apply for a Professional Educator License (PEL) with an elementary endorsement from the state of Illinois for grades 1 through 6.

Degree Requirements - Licensure

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisites to Professional Courses		
EDUC-6150	Foundations in Education	3
EDUC-6250	Integrating and Assessing Learning in Diverse Classrooms	3
EDUC-6350	Theories of Learning, Language Acquisition and Cognition Across Cultures	3
Professional Courses: Students must be admitted to Teacher Candidacy to continue		
EDEL-6901	Teaching English Language Arts: Content	3
EDEL-6902	Teaching English Language Arts: Methods and Assessment	3
EDEL-6908	Teaching Science: Content, Methods and Assessment	3
EDEL-6910	Teaching Social Studies: Content, Methods and Assessment	3
EDEL-6918	Teaching Physical Education and the Fine Arts: Content, Methods and Assessment	3
EDEL-6919	Teaching Elementary Math for 21st Century Learners	3
EDEL-6922	Professionalism, Leadership, Communication and Ethics for Pre-service Elementary Teachers	3
EDUC-6290	Characteristics and Instruction of Exceptional Learners	3
Student Teaching Internship		
EDUC-6985	Student Teaching Seminar ¹	0
Select one:		
EDUC-6921	Student Teaching: Elementary Education	6
EDUC-6925	MAT Capstone ²	3
Total Hours		36-39

¹ To be taken concurrently with student teaching or capstone.

² This course may only be taken with special approval of the Director of Field Experience and the Division Chair

Students may not take a course as Pass/Fail if the course is mandated by their licensure program through ISBE, excluding the student teaching internship, MAT capstone, and the edTPA courses.

Students must have a grade of C or higher in all master's courses and content coursework for successful program completion.

Required Content Coursework (18 semester hours):

- Requires grades of C or higher in college-level coursework (not remedial) to fulfill content coursework requirements.
- Must be completed at regionally accredited institution(s) of higher education and be documented on official transcript(s).
 - 3 semester hours: English Language Arts (composition or literature)
 - 3 semester hours: Mathematics (algebra, geometry or statistics)
 - 3 semester hours: Science (biological or physical science)
 - 3 semester hours: Social Studies (history, government or geography)
 - 6 additional semester hours from required categories above or fine arts, speech, psychology or humanities.

Clinical Experience (Pre-Professional Hours)

- Minimum of 100 hours (all pre-professional hours are embedded in the MAT coursework).
- Each course will describe the number of hours required to be completed in classrooms and the nature of the experience that a candidate must complete.

Pathway 2: Pathway 2 graduates are not eligible for any state of Illinois endorsement upon completion of this program.

Degree Requirements - Non-Licensure

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EDEL-6910	Teaching Social Studies: Content, Methods and Assessment	3
EDEL-6918	Teaching Physical Education and the Fine Arts: Content, Methods and Assessment	3
EDEL-6919	Teaching Elementary Math for 21st Century Learners	3
EDEL-6922	Professionalism, Leadership, Communication and Ethics for Pre-service Elementary Teachers	3

EDUC-6290	Characteristics and Instruction of Exceptional Learners	3
Total Hours		30

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