

# Master of Education in Elementary Education

## Admission Requirements

1. A four-year bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.75 for all undergraduate work or a GPA of at least 3.00 for the last two years of undergraduate work (based on a 4.00 scale).
3. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies' English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
4. Application Requirements. In addition to the application form and fee, the following must be submitted as part of the application process:
  - a. Three letters of recommendation
  - b. One official copy of all academic transcripts
  - c. Statement of goals and objectives with a maximum of one typed page per question.
    - What have you already done professionally or personally of which you are proud? Please include a chronological history of all professional teaching or administration experience, as well as academic honors or achievements you have earned.
    - What are the characteristics, attitudes, values, and/or skills that you think will make you a good candidate for your professional role?
    - Describe several personal and professional goals you would like to achieve in the next five years. Include in your description reasons why these goals are important to you.

Refer to the Admissions section of the graduate catalog for additional information on admission requirements and application procedures.

## Accelerated Admissions for B.S./M.Ed. in Elementary Education with a Specialization in General Elementary Education

The Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's (ABM) 4+1 Program allows exceptional undergraduate students at UND an opportunity to complete the requirements for the B.S. in Elementary Education and a M.Ed. in Elementary Education at an accelerated pace. All requirements for both degrees must be met, and students may double-count up to 12 graduate-level credits toward the requirements for both their bachelor's and master's degree programs. ABM students must obtain their master's degree within 12 months of completing the bachelor's degree.

## Admission Requirements

- Students may apply to this program upon completing 60 credits toward the bachelor's degree or with an associate's degree. Students interested in the accelerated program will follow the admissions process listed above.
- Students must have an overall G.P.A. of 3.00 or higher at the time of admission.
- Students will need passing scores on Praxis I.
- Students must submit a combined/accelerated program of study with their application.

## Degree Requirements

Licensed or non-licensed individuals are eligible for the Master of Education degree; however, the master's degree alone does not lead to teacher licensure. The major portion of the program includes coursework that addresses practical aspects of teaching at the elementary school level—literacy development, mathematics, science, social studies, curriculum development, and working with families. Available courses focus on the relationship between theories

of child development and educational practices designed to foster that development. The program culminates in a final paper, project, or thesis.

## Non-Thesis Option

1. Thirty (30) credits, including credits required for the major.
2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500 level.
3. A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.
4. Preparation of an Independent Study or Scholarly Project approved by the faculty advisor.

## Thesis Option

1. A minimum of 30 credits in the major, including the additional credits granted for the thesis and the research leading to the thesis.
2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500 level.
3. A maximum of one-fourth of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.
4. Preparation of a Thesis approved by the faculty advisor and committee members.

## Required Courses for the Master of Education

### Major: Elementary Education

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
T&L 518	Curriculum and Methods for Teaching STEM	3
T&L 519	Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
T&L 522	Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
T&L 530	Foundations of Reading Instruction	3
<b>Choose Elective Graduate Credits (9 credits)</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Educational Foundations Coursework (6 credits)</b>		
<b>Choose two EFR courses from the following list:</b>		
EFR 500	Introduction to the Foundations of Education	3
EFR 501	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EFR 502	Issues and Trends in Education	3
EFR 503	History of American Education Policy and Reform	3
EFR 505	Educational Equity and Social Change in Schooling	3
EFR 506	Multicultural Education	3
EFR 507	Gender, Education and the Environment	3
EFR 508	Advanced Ethnographic Methodology: Inquiry into Culture	3
EFR 525	International and Comparative Education	3
<b>Required Culminating Course</b>		
T&L 995	Scholarly Project (or)	2-3
T&L 997	Independent Study (or)	2
T&L 998	Thesis	4-6

## Accelerated B.S. in Elementary Education and M.Ed. in Elementary Education

See the B.S. Elementary Education (<https://und-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduateacademicinformation/departmentalcoursesprograms/teachingandlearning/tl-bsed-ee/>) page for undergraduate degree requirements.

The following courses will be double counted for both the B.S. Elementary Education and M.Ed.

## Elementary Education Degrees

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Double Counted Courses for both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees</b>		
T&L 518	Curriculum and Methods for Teaching STEM	3

T&L 519	Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
T&L 522	Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
T&L 536	Innovations in English Language Arts Instruction	3