



Elementary Education

Associate of Arts (AA) Degree Program

Division of Education & Health Sciences



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Elementary Education provides students the opportunity to receive formal instruction in a variety of courses and academic disciplines leading to completion of both the general education and professional core program requirements. This program is intended to introduce students to the basic concepts of academic instruction, classroom organization, classroom preparation, and teaching and learning strategies. The Elementary program has been designed specifically to 1) meet the needs of students seeking a degree as a para-educator, to become a teacher's aide or classroom assistant or 2) provide a preliminary education experience that will transfer to a baccalaureate degree teacher education program. The Elementary Education is dedicated to providing authentic learning opportunities for pre-service teacher to become thinking, caring and reflective practitioners who are committed to ongoing professional development. The learning environment maintains and provides opportunities for students to interact with other scholars (such as college instructors, classroom teachers, and students), encourage inquiry, develop critical thinking strategies, solve complex problems, and build effective communication skills.

The Learning Outcomes from the Elementary Education degree program are as follows:

- 📖 Perform communication skills needed in the school environment.
- 📖 Incorporate Blackfeet language, history, and culture into lesson plan.
- 📖 Demonstrate mathematical skills used in the elementary school environment.
- 📖 Describe the purpose, role, and scope of K-12 education in the U.S.
- 📖 Identify educational learning theories and understand how they apply to student learning.
- 📖 Recognize the physical, cognitive, and social-emotional stages of development of children and adolescents.
- 📖 Value concepts of good health and wellness important in the teaching profession.
- 📖 Demonstrate the principles of general biology.
- 📖 Investigate the principles of physical science.
- 📖 Apply techniques used in the teaching profession.

Students majoring in Elementary Education are required to take the General Core Requirements 1 – 6 for an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree program on page 11-2 as well as the following major CORE 7 courses:

CORE 7 – Elementary Education				30 Credits Required	
Course #	Name of Course	Offered	Credits	Semester Taken	Grade
EDU 200	Introduction to Education	Fall	3		
EDU 201	Education Field Experience	Spring	1		
EDU 225	Introduction to Education Psychology	Fall	3		
EDU 231*	Children Literature & Literacy	Fall	3		
EDUC 115	Computers in Education	Spring	3		
HHP 223*	Personal, Community & School Health Issues	Fall/Spr	3		
HSTA 255	Montana History	Spring	3		
M 135	Math for Elementary Teachers I	Fall	4		
M 136	Math for Elementary Teachers II	Spring	4		
PSYX 230	Development Psychology/EDEC 160	Fall	3		
Total Core 7 Credits To Be Completed By Student			30		