



**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.

SAMPLE - 4 year plan

Success Markers

FIRST YEAR

Visit [The Learning Center](#) for free tutoring

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

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PSY 100 – Intro to Psychology (Colonnade Explorations Social and Behavioral Sciences Course)	3	EDU 250 – Intro to Teacher Education FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3
ENG 100 – College Writing (Colonnade Foundations 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 Foundations Course for World History)	3	ENG 200 – Intro to Literature (Colonnade Foundations Literary Studies Course)	3
COMM 145 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking (Colonnade Foundations Human Communication Course)	3	BIOL 113/114 General Biology (Colonnade Explorations Natural and Physical Sciences Course with Lab (1) <i>MUST have one lab</i>)	3/ (4)
MATH 109-General Mathematics (Colonnade Foundations Quantitative Reasoning Course)	3	Colonnade Explorations Arts and Humanities Course e.g. ART 100; ART 105; DANC 110; MUS 120; FILM 276; PHIL 101; RELS 100 etc.	3
Optional elective if needed: EDU 175 University Experience for Teachers	(3)	OPTIONAL Foreign Language Course if Needed – See World Language Requirement for Colonnade FAQ: https://wku.edu/colonnade/documents/faq.pdf	(3)
		Not required 2018-19 IF two years taken in high school	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

SECOND YEAR

LTCY 320 requires a C grade or higher

***ENG 100, 200, 300; COM145; EDU 250; GPA 2.75; & CASE tests required for Professional Teacher Education Admission

***Must have Praxis C.A.S.E tests passed prior to SPED 400. Take Freshman year or semester before SPED 400

** or ***Candidates who miss SPED 335 in the fall or SPED 400 in spring can take semester and proceed through this pathway.

Fall Semester***		Spring Semester (TopPrep 1)	
SPED 335** Foundations of Special Education – MUST TAKE NOW – THIS IS A PREREQUISITE FOR ALL OTHER SPED COURSES IN YOUR PROGRAM	3	LTCY 320 –Foundations of Teaching Literacy in Elementary (EDU 250 & PSY 310) FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	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	SPED 400*** – Behavior Management Strategies in Special Education (Pre-Requisites: Pass CASE tests and SPED 335 as pre/co requisite) FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3
ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines (Colonnade Foundations Writing in the Disciplines Course)	3	SPED 340 – LBD Elementary Instructional Methods (Prerequisite – SPED 335)	3
Colonnade Explorations 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	Colonnade Connections Local to Global Course e.g. GEOG 216; HIST 379; PS 357; SOCL 240 etc.	3
PSY 310 – Educational Psychology	3		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

THIRD YEAR ***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	Fall Semester ***PRE-BLOCK (TopPrep 2)		Spring Semester ELED BLOCK I (TopPrep 3)	
ELED BLK 1 (TopPrep 3) Begin taking Praxis II tests for KY in content areas of <u>Exceptional Education P-12</u> and <u>Elementary P-6</u> SUMMER TERM <i>Optional:</i> if smaller load is preferred in the traditional semesters	SPED 350 – Assessment in Special Education <i>(Prerequisite – SPED 335 AND all CASE tests passed)</i>	3	SPED 424 Inclusion, Collaboration and Diversity in the Classroom <i>(Prerequisite – SPED 335)</i> FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3
	SPED 345 LBD Secondary Methods <i>(Prerequisite – SPED 335 AND all CASE tests passed)</i> FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3	ELED 365 Teaching Strategies for Elementary Teachers FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3
	LME 318 Children’s Literature FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3	ELED 407 – Materials and Methods in Social Studies FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3
	GEOG 352 OR HIST 456 Requirement for SPED/Elementary Certification	3	LTCY 420 – Literacy Methods in the Elementary Grades <i>(Prerequisites: LTCY 320 and SPED 340)</i> FIELD HOURS REQUIRED	3
	Colonnade Connections Systems Course e.g. AMS 368; CO 349; GEOG 226; MATH 240; PS 220 etc.	3	PE/EL 354 – Physical Education for Elementary Schools	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
	FOURTH YEAR <u>Apply for Graduation</u> APPLY FOR STUDENT TEACHING EARLY IN FALL SEMESTER Students must register, pay, and pass Praxis II exams prior to student teaching.	ELED BLOCK II (TopPrep 4)		Student Teaching
ELED 405 – Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School FIELD HOURS REQUIRED		3	EDU 489 Student Teaching Seminar	3
ELED 406 – Teaching Science in the Elementary School FIELD HOURS REQUIRED		3	SPED 490 – Student Teaching (<i>½ Elementary Education and ½ Special Education LBD</i>)	10
SPED 425 – LBD Language Interventions: Strategies and Materials FIELD HOURS REQUIRED		3	Celebrate and Graduate!	
MUS 314 Comprehensive Art Education for the Elementary Teacher		3	For more information: Department: School of Teacher Education Website: www.wku.edu/ste/sped/index.php Course Descriptions: http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/	
Colonnade Connections Social and Cultural Course (e.g. ANTH 360; COMM 263; ECON 375; FLD 330; HIST 317 etc.)		3		
SPED 480 – Senior Project for Learning and Behavior Disorders FIELD HOURS REQUIRED		3		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		18		
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Total Credit Hours: 125				