

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (03 CERTIFICATION)



The program results in a bachelor's degree and prepares students to earn Illinois State Certification in Elementary Education by passing State tests and applying to the state directly for certification.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Those who wish to teach in grades K-8 in public or private schools.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- An earned AA or AS degree or at least 45 credit hours completed
- Completion of:
 - Intro to Teaching
 - English Composition I and II
 - Math for Elem. Teachers I & II (all with grades of C or better)
- Overall GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Pass the Illinois Test of Basic Skills

(Other liberal arts and education courses required for the degree must be completed prior to enrolling or while enrolled in the SIUC program.)

COST:

\$315 per credit hour. Semesters range from 12 to 15 credit hours.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Via appointment with coordinator.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Classes run Monday evenings and Saturdays for four 16-week fall & spring semesters. Electives run in the summer and on Thursday evenings during the year. Students also spend time in elementary classrooms each semester to gain practical experience.

DELIVERY MODE:

A "cohort" or group of 25 students is formed each semester and the group moves through the four-semester program together. Course work within each semester is integrated to give students a more holistic experience with the content and practical applications of the material.

LOCATION OF COURSES:

University Center facility in Grayslake.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

A list of required textbooks for each semester will be given to students well before the beginning of the semester. Students are responsible for purchasing the books prior to the start of the semester.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Students may transfer in the required credit hours in the liberal arts core as well as the 18-hour concentration in a content area from an accredited two or four year institution. Consultation with the coordinator should be done as early as possible since there are specific courses required in each of these areas.

HOURS NEEDED:

Of the hours required to complete the program, at least 60 must be earned at a four-year institution.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Students enrolled in this program are eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Cohort style allows for formation of strong networking and support system.
- Integrated coursework makes content more meaningful and applicable.
- Extensive field experiences gives learning context and allows for practical application of new knowledge and skills.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

- Completion of specific liberal arts core
- Completion of 18 credit hours in approved content area
- Completion of the SIUC Professional Preparation Sequence:
 - Mathematics Content Methods for Elementary School III & IV
 - Literature for Children
 - Teaching Reading and Writing in the Middle Grades
 - Introduction to Reflective Teaching Practice
 - Heath Programs in Elementary Schools
 - Teaching Reading in Elementary School
 - Teaching Elementary School English Language Arts
 - Teaching Elementary School Science
 - Field Observation and Participation
 - Teaching Elementary School Social Science
 - Science Process and Concepts for Teachers N-8
 - Classroom Management and Discipline
 - Evaluation of Teaching and Learning
 - Student Teaching
- 2 Middle School Endorsement courses
- Possibly an elective class