Undergraduate Degree

Be ready to shape the young minds of tomorrow with your bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Southwestern College! Whether you are looking to become an elementary school teacher, counselor, or consultant, you’ll graduate with the tools you need to be successful. Courses are taught by experienced education professionals who incorporate real-world application to the course material. Learners enjoy the flexibility they need to balance school, work, and family with courses taught completely online in 12-week session.

Applied Learning
Hands-on experience through classroom instruction

Credit Awarded From
• Prior college
• Military
• Work/Life Experience
• Exams (CLEP, DSST)

Become Licensed Teacher
Graduates are licensed to teach Kindergarten through sixth grade in the state of Kansas

About Southwestern College
Southwestern College Professional Studies offers practical online degree programs focused on an enhanced learner experience, provided by a regionally accredited, 130+ year old non-profit institution. Each learner can expect: hands-on counselors to help you navigate your program requirements; generous transfer credits to reduce your overall cost and time to completion; progressive, nationally recognized programs; accessible student resources to minimize the stress of degree completion; and small class sizes with experienced, practicing faculty to facilitate interaction and ensure your academic success.
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Core Major Requirements

- EDUC212 Education Seminar (2 hours)
- EDUC215 Foundations of Education (3 hours)
- EDUC216 Diversity Field Experience (1 hour)
- EDUC220 Educational Technology (3 hours)
- EDUC223 Fine Arts in the Elementary School
- EDUC280 The Other Literacies (3 hours)
- EDUC318 Numbers, Computation, and Mathematical Processes (3 hours)
- EDUC322 Educational Psychology (4 hours)
- EDUC323 Introduction to Exceptionalities (4 hours)
- EDUC328 Instructional Strategies in Physical Education for the Elementary School Classroom Teacher (2 hours)
- EDUC329 Children’s and Adolescent’s Literature (2 hours)
- EDUC336 Introduction to the Reading Process (3 hours)
- EDUC337 Science in the Elementary School (3 hours)
- EDUC338 Math in the Elementary School (3 hours)
- EDUC343 Home, School, and Community (3 hours)
- EDUC344 Content Area Literacy (3 hours)
- EDUC345 Social Science in the Elementary School
- EDUC349 Reading in the Elementary School (4 hours)
- EDUC437 Elementary School Methods and Management (4 hours)
- EDUC440 Student Teaching Seminar (1 credit)
- EDUC447 Observation and Supervised Teaching in the Elementary School (12 hours)
- EDUC450 Introduction to Language, Linguistics, and Culture in the Context of Secondary Language Acquisition (3 hours)
- EDUC490 Teaching English as a Second Language and Assessing Language Competency (3 hours)

Cognate Requirements

- MASC110 Statistics and Probability
- PSY 110 General Psychology
- PSY252 Developmental Psychology

General Education Requirements

Basic Skills

- ENGL101 Composition 1
- ENGL102 Composition 2
- COM 125 Speech
- MASC110 Statistics and Probability or Higher Level Math Course

Ethical Reasoning

- HUM 201 Ethics

Disciplinary Perspectives

- Natural Science (3 or more credit hours)
- Social Science (3 or more credit hours)
- Humanities (3 or more credit hours)
- The Arts (3 or more credit hours)
- Other Cultures (3 or more credit hours)

Capstone

- CAPS495 (Senior capstone or major capstone course - 3 credit hours)

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete all foundation and major courses with an overall GPA of 2.75
2. Complete a minimum of 124 credit hours, with at least 60 hours at a bachelor’s degree-granting institution
3. Complete at least 30 credit hours with a C average or above from Southwestern College

Program Description

The elementary education program prepares candidates to fulfill roles in contemporary schools, kindergarten through sixth grade. For additional information concerning the Southwestern College teacher education program, candidates should refer to the Teacher Education Handbook and four year advising plans, available in the education department and from an education advisor.

Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must be graduates of an accredited high school or have completed a GED®
2. Minimum GPA of 2.00

*See catalog for additional teacher education program requirements.

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see the Southwestern College Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at ps.sckans.edu

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