

# Missouri State University

Springfield

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## Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Elementary Education (1-6) Completion Programs

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### Career Preparation

Missouri State University's Elementary Education program, the largest and only one of its kind in Missouri, provides experiences that prepare students to become effective elementary teachers in grades one through six. A comprehensive eight-week field-based component is part of this exciting program that includes more than 125 hours of teaching experience prior to student teaching. Current trends indicate employment opportunities for Elementary Education graduates have increased. Beginning salaries for graduates are in the \$28,000 to \$32,000 range, depending on the geographic area.

The program is approved by the Missouri State Board of Education and is accredited by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and NCATE.

### Academic Program

The Elementary Education Post-Baccalaureate program requires satisfactory completion of a minimum of 101 hours. This sequence is designed to provide a basic content background in subject-matter areas related to the elementary school curricula. Professional education courses are sequenced to provide both study in the university setting and practical experience in elementary classrooms.

### Courses

Students pursuing Post-Baccalaureate certification at Missouri State University must submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Prior coursework will be evaluated, and all equivalent coursework will be applied toward current certification requirements.

Once the transcript analysis has been completed, students are encouraged to submit course descriptions for courses that were not initially determined equivalent, but may have provided the competencies required for certification. Students seeking Post-Baccalaureate certification are given an Individualized Program of Study.

### Faculty

The faculty offices are located in Hill Hall. Faculty members are actively involved in teaching, research, and service activities at the local, state, and national levels. While the faculty provides informal advisement to the students, the Coordinator of Teacher Certification advises Post-Baccalaureate students.

### Facilities

The University is fortunate to have Greenwood Laboratory School located on campus. Greenwood, a K-12 laboratory school, provides students in Elementary Education with first-hand experience in observing and working with children. Also, the technology laboratories located in Hill Hall have the most recent innovations in instructional technology, and are available for use by Elementary Education majors.

### Special Opportunities & Services

A student majoring in Elementary Education has the opportunity to become involved in a variety of student organizations. Among the organizations available to Education majors are the Student Missouri State Teachers Association, the Student National Education Association, and Kappa Delta Pi, the honorary organization for Education majors. These organizations provide students with opportunities for professional growth and the opportunity to meet students and professionals with similar interests.

Because the University and the College of Education are committed to the student's success beyond the classroom, Career Services, in cooperation with the School of Teacher Education, takes an active role in helping students secure teaching positions after they are certified. Students are encouraged to contact Career Services for job search assistance. Reports have shown that Career Services has placed more than 90 percent of recent Elementary Education graduates into teaching positions.

#### For More Information

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## Required Coursework: Elementary Education (1-6) West Plains Campus

### General Education

<b>English</b>		6 hours
ENG 110	Writing I	
ENG 210	Writing II: Academic Writing	

<b>Communication</b>		3 hours
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	

<b>American History</b>		3 hours
HST 121	Survey of U.S. History to 1877	
or		
HST 122	Survey of U.S. History since 1877	

<b>American Government</b>		1-3 hours
PLS 101	American Democracy and	
or		
PLS 103	Missouri Government & Politics	

<b>General Psychology</b>		3 hours
PSY 121	Introductory Psychology	

<b>Biology</b>		4 hours
BIO 100	Principles of Biological Science	
*Or other introductory Biology course		

<b>Physical or Earth Science</b>		4 hours
PHY 101	Survey of Physics with Laboratory	
*Or one Chemistry, Astronomy, Geology, Physics, or Geography course		

<b>Mathematics</b>		3 hours
MTH 130	Contemporary Mathematics	
*Can take any Math course above MTH 130		

27-29 hours

### Special Requirements

	MTH 220 Foundations of Mathematics for Teachers	3 hours
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	MTH 260 Foundations of Geometry for Teachers	3 hours
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	ECO 155 Principles of Macroeconomics	3 hours
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	GRY 100 World Regional Geography	3 hours
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Choose One:

	CIS 101 Computers for Learning	2 hours
or		
	CSC 101 Computers for Learning	

Choose One:

	ART 200 Art in Context	3 hours
	MUS 241 The Language of Music	

17 hours

### Professional Coursework

	EDU 150 Introduction to Teaching	1 hour
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	EDU 202 Introduction to Elementary Education	3 hours
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	SPE 310 Introduction to Special Education	2 hours
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	IMT 265 Instructional Applications of Technology and Media	3 hours
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Choose One:

	PSY 285 Development of the Early Childhood and Elementary School Student (Grades 1-6)	3 hours
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	PSY 260 Educational Psychology (Grades K-12)	
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	RDG 318 Foundation of Reading Instruction	3 hours
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	RDG 420 Assessing & Personalizing Reading	3 hours
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	RDG 421 Practicum – Assessing and Personalizing Reading	2 hours
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	EDC 350 School and Society	3 hours
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	ELE 425 Methods of Teaching Communication Arts in Elementary Schools	3 hours
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	ELE 429 Methods of Teaching Mathematics in Elementary Schools	3 hours
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	ELE 434 Methods of Teaching Science in Elementary Schools	3 hours
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	ELE 438 Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Schools	3 hours
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	ELE 440 Classroom Management and Assessment in the Elementary Classroom	2 hours
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	ENG 334 Children's Literature	3 hours
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	MUS206 Interrelated/Integrated Arts	3 hours
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	PED 258 Health Education Methods	3 hours
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	PED 241 Physical Education for Elementary Teachers	2 hours
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	ELE 495 Supervised Teaching (Elementary)	6 hours
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60 hours

\* See the Coordinator of Teacher Certification for a list of appropriate courses.