



Program of Study: Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Elementary Education (Not Eligible for Credential)

Program Description

The Master of Education in Elementary Education (Not Eligible for Institutional Recommendation/Non-Credential) is a program designed for any individual interested in the education of children in the K-8 setting, but who must postpone student teaching, or who does not choose to seek a teaching certificate. The format and courses of the regionally accredited program are tailored to meet the needs of the adult learner and to maximize strengths that the student already possesses. Courses are taught by experts in their respective fields who share knowledge and experience in areas of educational psychology, prescriptive reading, teaching methods, and curriculum development. Opportunities are provided to apply concepts, theories, and research throughout the program. Assignments within each course guide students through observational and practice-based experiences. Students must have access to a K-8 classroom to complete the program assignments. Graduates of the program are prepared to become informed educators in the home, church, private schools, and other settings not requiring a teaching credential. The students are also prepared to move into a student teaching/credentialing component with Grand Canyon University should they wish to change to the Eligible version of the program prior to the posting of their degree.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
EDU 570N	Philosophical and Social Issues in Education	This study of the historical, philosophical, and sociological influences upon which educational theories and practices are constructed addresses societal issues and future challenges facing educators involved in the system. No Fingerprint Clearance necessary.	3
EDU 520N	Classroom Management	Designed to allow the prospective teacher the opportunity to learn techniques involved in the successful management of a learning environment. Major emphasis is given to the establishment of a realistic discipline plan to manage student behavior and management techniques and strategies to maximize instructional time, classroom procedures, and physical space.	3
SPE 525N	Educating Learners with Diverse Needs	Emphasis will be placed on definitions, etiology, characteristics, and prevalence of various exceptionalities; laws and litigation protecting the rights of students with special needs and their families; current issues affecting persons with special needs; social perceptions, assessment, inclusion, and transition; and basic curriculum accommodations and supportive services for teaching students with special needs in the general classroom. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3
ESL 523N	SEI English Language Teaching: Foundations and Methodologies	This course presents the historical, legal, theoretical, and sociological foundations of programs of instruction for English language learners. It includes an examination of the role of culture in learning and instructional program models, with a focus on Structured English Immersion. Students will be instructed in immersion strategies and the use of assessment data. The content of this course correlates with the NBPTS English as a New Language Standards, Standard I: Knowledge of Students, Standard III: Knowledge of Culture and Diversity, Standard VIII: Learning Environment, Standard IX: Assessment, Standard XI: Linkages with Families. Practicum hours – 10. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3

ESL 533N	Advanced Methodologies of Structured English Instruction	In this course students continue to examine the fundamentals of the legal, historical, and educational foundations of Structured English Instruction and other instructional programs for English Language Learners. Theoretical principles of language acquisition and the role of culture in learning are examined. Methods of assessment are identified and analyzed. Students will identify strategies to promote English language development and improve student achievement. They will plan, deliver, and evaluate instruction for English Language Learners. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance and ESL 523N.	3
EED 573N	Curriculum and Methods: Literacy: Reading/ Language Arts	This course is designed to develop a coherent, research-based program fostering literacy in the classroom. The course includes discourse theory as it pertains to the teaching of reading and writing. Emphasis is placed on planning and delivery of lessons in reading comprehension, literature, phonics, writing, oral language, vocabulary, and evaluation of learning. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3
EED 543N	Prescriptive Reading: Theory and Practicum	The focus of this course is on reading diagnostics, assessments, and strategies implemented with a single elementary student. Emphasis is also given to research-based systematic phonics instruction. Practicum hours – 20. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3
EED 563N	Curriculum and Methods: Social Studies	This course presents the current research-based curriculum developments and models of effective instruction used in the field. Emphasis is placed on the construction of unit and daily lesson plans, materials and resources with implementation in the elementary classroom. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3
EED 523N	Curriculum and Methods: Science	This course is designed to acquaint the student with science curriculum and effective techniques for the teaching of science. The student is involved in planning instruction, employing science programs that are currently being used in the public schools, and using research-based instructional models. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3
EED 503N	Curriculum and Methods: Mathematics	This course is designed to acquaint the student with the current research related to the pedagogy of teaching mathematics. Curriculum formulation and implementation along with the utilization of manipulative materials and individualized games in the elementary classroom are addressed. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisites: Fingerprint Clearance and EDU 570N.	3
EDU 549N	Dynamics of Data-Driven Pedagogy	This course will provide participants with a wide range of assessment strategies based on instructional outcomes. Emphasis will be given to alignment of educational objectives to standards and building both formative and summative assessments including rubrics to analyze student learning. Course content is strategically planned to enable participants to make informed educational decisions about student learning based on data. This course focuses on the principles and practices involved in various models of educational assessment, evaluation, and testing. Participants will develop and implement their own authentic assessments and evaluate results. Practicum hours – 15. Prerequisite: Fingerprint Clearance.	3

Total Practicum Hours: 135

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