

Master of Arts in Comprehensive Education: Elementary Education Concentration

Successful completion of the program will lead to a Master of Arts in Comprehensive Education (M.A.Ed.) degree and recommendation for Advanced Competencies licensure from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for teaching at the elementary level (K-6).

Overall Course Requirements—The program requires 36 hours as follows:

- Professional Core (12 hours)
- Elementary Education Core (5 hours)
- Subject Matter Core (9 hours)
- Subject Matter Electives (6 hours)
- Capstone Experience (4 hours)

Professional Core for Elementary Education—The professional core requires 12 hours as follows:

- EDCI 602, Research Methods, 3 hours
- SPED 620, Education in a Diverse Society, 3 hours
- PSY 621, Advanced Educational Psychology, 3 hours
- One of the following:
 - EDCI 604, Curriculum Development, 3 hours
 - EDCI 605, Foundations of Modern Education, 3 hours
 - EDCI 613, The Teacher Leader, 3 hours

Elementary Education Core—The Elementary Education core requires 5 hours as follows:

- EDEL 614, Issues & Trends in Elementary Education, 2 hours
- One of the following:
 - EDEL 566, Computers in Education, 3 hours
 - EDEL 610, Distance Education, 3 hours
 - EDEL 666, Projects in Educational Computing, 3 hours

Subject Matter Core—The subject matter core requires 9 hours. You need to select from three of the four areas listed.

- Reading/Language Arts
(which may include EDEL 606: Lang Arts Curriculum, EDEL 653: Adv Children's Lit, EDRD 631: Smoky Mtn Language & Literacy Institute, EDRD 651: Clinical Procedures in Rdg, EDRD 661: Issues & Trends in Literacy Education)
- Mathematics
(which may include EDEL 605: Mathematics Curriculum, EDEL 607: Mathematical Problem Solving, 608: Diagnosis/Remediation in Mathematics)
- Science (which may include EDEL 603: Science Curriculum)
- Social Studies (which may include EDEL 604: Social Studies Curriculum)

Subject Matter Electives—You need 6 hours of subject matter electives. Select two additional courses from the subject matter core. Advisor approval required.

Capstone Experience—These courses should be taken in your final two semesters.

- EDEL 695, Research Seminar in Elementary Education I, 2 hours
- EDEL 696, Research Seminar in Elementary Education II, 2 hours

Portfolio—Completion of degree requirements includes a satisfactory portfolio demonstrating advanced competencies for all concentrations. Candidates with current National Board Certification in the concentration area have demonstrated advanced competencies and are exempted from the required portfolio. <http://ceap.wcu.edu/emge/Elementary/MastersPortfolio.htm>

Consult with your advisor every semester prior to registering for classes!

Student Name _____ Advisor _____

Western Carolina University
College of Education and Allied Professions
Master of Arts in Education Degree Program (M.A.Ed.)
Comprehensive Education
Concentration in Elementary Education

Professional Core (12 hours)

Course	Course Title	Semester Taken	Grade
EDCI 602 (3)	Research Methods		
SPED 620 (3)	Education in a Diverse Society		
PSY 621 (3)	Advanced Educational Psychology		
Select one course: EDCI 604 (3) EDCI 605 (3) EDCI 613 (3)	Curriculum Development Foundations of Modern Education The Teacher Leader		

Elementary Core (5 hours)

Course	Course Title	Semester Taken	Grade
EDEL 614 (2)	Issues & Trends in Elementary Ed.		
Select one course: EDEL 566 (3) EDEL 610 (3) EDEL 666 (3)	Computers in Education Distance Education Projects in Educational Computing		

Subject Matter Core (9 hours, select three of the four areas)

Reading/Language Arts (EDEL 606, 653, EDRD 631, 651, 661)

Math (EDEL 605, 607, 608)

Science (EDEL 603)

Social Studies (EDEL 604)

*Other options must be approved by your advisor prior to registration

Course	Course Title	Semester Taken	Grade

Subject Matter Electives (6 hours, select 2 additional courses from subject matter core)

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Capstone Experience: (4 hours)

Course	Course Title	Semester Taken	Grade
EDEL 695 (2)	Research Seminar in Elem. Ed. I		
EDEL 696 (2)	Research Seminar in Elem. Ed. II		

Total hours 36