Elementary and Middle School Education

General Education Requirement for Teacher Licensure, Initial Elementary Certificate

The following is an outline of General Education course work required for Elementary Education majors at Governors State University. Courses listed in each category are Prairie State College courses that may be transferred to meet GovState requirements. Courses with grades below "C" will not be accepted toward the degree.

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM (49-51 Hours)

Area A: Written Communication (9 hours)

ENG 101 -- Composition I (3)
ENG 102 -- Composition II (3)
COMM 101 – Principles of Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (12 hours)

Humanities Course (3)**
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Fine Arts Course (3)**
*** Refer to the PSC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices.*

Area C: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (9 hours)

IAI MATH Courses (9)

Area D: Biological and Physical Science (10-12 hours) at least one science must have a lab

Choose one: IAI Biology Course (3-4)
Choose one: IAI Chemistry or Physics Course (3-4)
Choose one: ASTRO 101 – Guide to the Universe (3) or ASTRO 104 – The Solar System and Beyond (4) or GEOLO 101 – Physical Geology (4) or PHYSC 112 Earth Science (4)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

GEOG 101 -- Cultural Geography (3) *Meets non-western cultures requirement*
POLSC 140 – Introduction to US Government and Politics (3)
PSYCH 101 -- Introduction to Psychology (3)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (15 Hours)

Professional Education Core Courses (15 hours)

Grade of "B" or better required for professional education courses below.

ED 100 – Foundations of American Public Education (3) (Meets EDUC 2310)
ED 101 – Child Growth and Development (3) (Meets EDUC 2330)
ED 160 -- Technology for Teachers (3) (Meets EDCP 2101)
ED 212 – Exceptional Child (3) (Meets SPED 2100)
ENG 220 --Children's Literature (3) (ELED Req.)

REQUIRED A.A. DEGREE PROGRAM TOTAL: 62 Hours (64-66 hours as written)
*** Refer to the PSC AA/AS guidelines for a list of course choices in Section I and II.**

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III. Required Courses (57 Hours)

EDUC-3110 - Strategies Supporting Multilingual Students in Mainstream Classrooms (2)
EDUC-3550 - Applying Educational Psychology (3)
EMED-3099 - Junior Seminar: Best Practices in Elementary Education (3)
EMED-3321 - Effective Teaching for Diverse Students and Effective Teaching Laboratory (4)
EMED-3333 - Educational Linguistics (3)
EMED-3404 - Developmental Reading in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED-3405 - Literacy Across the Curriculum in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED-3414 - Field Experience: Developmental Reading in the Elementary Grades (1)
EMED-3415 - Field Experience: Literacy Across the Curriculum in the Elementary Grades (1)
EMED-3420 - Teaching the Creative Arts in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED-3421 - Field Experience: Teaching the Creative Arts in the Elementary Grades (1)
EMED-3425 - Becoming Culturally Responsive Educators (1)
EMED-3880 - Teaching Physical Education and Health in the Elementary and Middle Grades (3)
EMED-3881 - Field Experience Teaching PE and Health in the Elementary and Middle Grades (1)
EMED-4404 - Teaching Science in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED-4405 - Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED-4406 - Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Grades (3)
EMED-4414 - Field Experience: Teaching Science in the Elementary Grades (1)
EMED-4415 - Field Experience: Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades (1)
EMED-4416 - Field Experience: Teaching Social Science in the Elementary Grades (1)
EMED-4425 - Effective Strategies to Promote Critical Thinking (1)
EMED-4999 - Capstone: Student Teaching (12) **

REQUIRED B.A. DEGREE PROGRAM TOTAL: 120-123 Hours

For Additional Information:

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