

Teacher Education: Elementary Education

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In May 2019, the median annual wage for kindergarten teachers and elementary school teachers was \$59,420.

JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to grow 3 percent from 2016 to 2026, slower than the average for all occupations. Growth is expected due to projected increases in enrollment as well as declines in student-teacher ratios. However, employment growth will vary by region.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, April 2020, Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/kindergarten-and-elementary-school-teachers.htm>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Teacher Education Associate of Arts degree in elementary education offers career opportunities to complete the first two years of the baccalaureate degree requirements leading to teacher certification in special education, elementary education and secondary education. The program is designed to prepare prospective teachers to be innovative role models and leaders in academic environments. In order to acquire the skills and abilities necessary for excellence in teaching, students will participate in classes, fieldwork, support services and workshops.



WHAT DO TEACHERS DO?

Kindergarten and elementary school teachers prepare younger students for future schooling by teaching them the basics of subjects such as math and reading. High school teachers help prepare students for life after graduation. They teach academic lessons and various skills that students will need to attend college and to enter the job market.

WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Kindergarten and elementary school teachers work in public and private schools. They generally work school hours when students are present, and use nights and weekends to prepare lessons and grade papers. High school teachers work in either public or private schools. Generally, they work school hours, which vary somewhat, but most also work evenings and weekends to prepare lessons and grade papers.



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Recommended Sequence of Courses

Teacher Education: Associate of Arts (A.A.)

CR. No. COURSE TITLE CREDITS

SEMESTER 1

ED 110	Introduction to Education with Practicum	4
EMT 101	First Aid	2
ENG 119	English I	3
MAT 112	Elementary Algebra	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		12

SEMESTER 2

BIO 155	Introductory Biology	4
ENG 120	English II	3
HUM 101	Introduction to Visual Arts	3
MAT 128	Math for Elementary Teachers I . . .	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		13

SEMESTER 3

ENG 285	Children's Literature	3
MAT 129	Math for Elementary Teachers II . .	3
PSY 101	Introductory Psychology	3
SPH 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		12

SEMESTER 4

HIS 151	World Civilization I Pre-History - 1500 CE	3
PHL 211	Introduction to Logic	3
PS 101	American Government	3
PHY 115	Fundamentals of Physics	4
SEMESTER TOTAL		13

SEMESTER 5

HIS 152	World Civilization II 1500 CE - Present	3
ED 202	Earth Science with Practicum . . .	5
BIO 204	Life Science for Elementary School Teachers	4
SEMESTER TOTAL		12

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Note: Program total hours may not include prerequisites.

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