Early & Primary Teacher Education

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

ABOUT THE MAJOR

At the University, our Early and Primary Teacher Education major prepares students to teach and inspire young learners from preschool through fourth grade. Students build a strong foundation in core subjects — reading, math, science, and social studies — while also exploring the broader context of education.

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OUTCOMES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Students gain hands-on experience in pre-K through fourth grade classrooms throughout their first three years — well before their full-time student teaching in senior year. This early immersion helps them build confidence, connect with young learners, and develop practical teaching skills. Graduates are ready to lead in diverse classroom settings.
- Our graduates make an impact in classrooms and communities across the country — from Oyster Bay, NY, and Quakertown, PA, to Abington Heights and national organizations like Teach for America.
- Many graduates continue their education through master's programs — often right here at The University of Scranton. Students can also apply directly to a five-year B.S./M.S. track, earning a bachelor's in early and primary teacher education and a master's in special education.



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Early & Primary Teacher Education

124 Credits

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1st Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 144	Foundations of American Education	3
EDUC 142	Exceptional Lives	3
MATH 102	Fundamentals of Numerical Mathematics	3
WRTG 107	Composition	3
PSYC 110	Fundamentals of Psychology	3
First Year Seminar		0
		Total Credits: **15**

1st Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 222	Educational Psychology, PreK-4	3
MATH 105	Fundamentals of Geometric Mathematics	3
EP ELECT	EloquentiaPerfecta	3
T/RS 121	Theology I: Introduction to the Bible	3
HIST 110	History of the United States to 1877 or **HIST 111** History of the United States from Reconstruction to the Present	3
First Year Seminar		0
		Total Credits: **15**

2nd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 250	Early Development and Intervention	3
EDUC 240	Early Language and Literacy – Birth to Age 5	3
EDUC 242	Math for PreK-1	3
ENLT Requirement	ENLT 100 Level	3
T/RS 122	Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3
		Total Credits: **15**

2nd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 241	Foundations of Literacy Development I	3
EDUC 256	Family, School & Community Relations in a Diverse Society	3
EDUC 252	Assessment & Evaluation in Early & Primary Education	3
PS 120	U.S. Politics: Principles & Citizenship or **PS 121** U.S. Politics: Institutions & Policy or **PS 135** State and Local Government	3
ENLT Requirement	ENLT 100 Level	
NSCI ELECT	Natural Science Elective	3
		Total Credits: **15**

3rd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 363	Foundations of Literacy Development II	3
EDUC 359	Introduction to English Language Learning	3
EDUC 344	Integrated Science and Technology, Pre K-4	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
PHIL 120	Intro to Philosophy	3
PHYS 102	Earth Science	3
		Total Credits: **18**

3rd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 358	Reading to Learn with Trade Books & Texts	3
EDUC 346	Social Studies for PreK-4	3
EDUC 339	Math for Grades 2-4	3
EDUC 357	Integrated Methods Across Curriculum	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
		Total Credits: **15**

4th Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
ECO 101	Current Economic Issues	3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
PHIL ELECT	Philosophy Electiveor **T/RS ELECT** T/RS Elective	3
GEOG 134	World Regional Geography	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
		Total Credits: **18**

4th Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
EDUC 445	Professional Practice Seminar, PreK-4	3
EDUC 456	Planning in Early/Primary (PreK-4) Student Teaching, EDUC 457 Instruction in Early/Primary (PreK-4) Student Teaching, **EDUC 458** Managing Classrooms in Early/Primary (PreK-4) Student Teaching, **EDUC 459** Professional Growth in Early/Primary (PreK-4) Student Teaching	10
		Total Credits: **13**

This is a sample curriculum. Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog at **scranton.edu/catalog**.

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