

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.S.

Begin Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Beaver, Brandywine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, York

End Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Erie, University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2024-25 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Elementary and Early Childhood Education, B.S. at University Park Campus and Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDTHP 115 ^{*#}	3	EDPSY 14 ^{*#}	3
EDUC 100 [*]	1	Earth Science Selection ^{*†}	3
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{*#}	3	Literature Selection ^{#†}	3
MTHED 240 or MATH 200 ^{*#†}	3	Math Selection [†]	3
Biological Science Selection ^{*#†}	3	U.S. History Selection ^{*†}	3
	13		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
EDPSY 11 or HDFS 229 ^{*#†}	3	CAS 100A ^{*#}	3
CI 280 ^{*†}	3	CI 295A ^{*#}	3
STAT 100, 200, or EDPSY 101 ^{*#†}	3-4	ECE 353 [*]	3
Arts Selection	3	Education Selection [*]	3
Physical Science Selection ^{*†}	3	GHW Selection	1.5
Social Studies Selection ^{*†}	3	Elective	2
	18-19		15.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 405 [*]	3	CI 495A [*]	3
CI 460 [*]	3	LLED 401 [*]	3
LLED 400 [*]	3	MTHED 420 [*]	3
ECE 451 [*]	3	SCIED 458 [*]	3
SSED 430W [*]	3	SPLLED 400 [*]	4
	15		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 495D [*]	12	ENGL 202A or 202B [*]	3
CI 495F [*]	3	LLED 302 [*]	3
		SPLLED 403A [*]	3
		Education Selection [*]	3
		Education Selection [*]	3
		GHW Selection	1.5
	15		16.5

Total Credits 124-125

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Additional Notes:

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ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) ^{*†#}	3	Literature Selection (GH) ^{*#†}	3
GQ Selection (GQ) ^{*#}	3	Statistics (GQ) - STAT 100 recommended ^{*#†}	3
Biological Science Selection (GN) ^{*#†1}	3	EDTHP 115 (Spring Only) ^{*#}	3
EDPSY 14 (Fall Only) ^{*#}	3	U.S. History Selection (GH) ^{*†}	3
Non-Inter-Domain Health and Wellness (GHW)	3	CAS 100A ^{*†}	3
PSU 1	1	The Praxis Core tests have been waived by Act 55 for all students entering the major by July 8, 2025.	
	16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 295A (Fall Only) ^{*#2}	3	Earth Selection (GN) (GEOG 210 Spring Only) ^{*†1}	3
HDFS 229 or EDPSY 11 (GS) ^{*#†}	3	Education Selection [*]	3
Social Studies Selection (GS) - GEOG 30N or ANTH 45N recommended ^{*†3}	3	Education Selection [*]	3
Physical Science Selection (GN) ^{*†}	3	CI 280 or EDUC 466N (Language Teaching) ^{*3}	3
MATH 200 or MTHED 240 ^{*#†}	3	ENGL 202A (GWS) ^{*†}	3
Arts Selection (GA)	3		
	18		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ECE 353 (Fall Only) [*]	3	LLED 400 (Spring Only) [*]	3
ECE 451 (Fall Only) [*]	3	CI 460 (Spring Only) [*]	3
LLED 302 (Fall Only) [*]	3	CI 405 (Spring Only) ^{*2}	3
SPLD 400 (Fall Only) [*]	4	SSED 430W (Spring Only) [*]	3
Education Selection [*]	3	SPLD 403A (Spring Only) [*]	3
Enter the major before the end of this semester by Updating Academics in LionPATH.		Take PECT exams (not required for graduation but required for certification). https://www.pa.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/PA006_TestPage.html	
	16		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 495A (with Seminar (Fall Only)) ^{*2}	3	CI 495D (Student Teaching (Spring Only)) ^{*2}	12
MTHED 420 (Fall Only) [*]	3	CI 495F (Seminar (Spring Only)) [*]	3
SCI ED 458 (Fall Only) [*]	3	Additional coursework is not recommended in this semester and can only be scheduled with the approval of the Field Experience Coordinator and Program Chair.	
LLED 401 (Fall Only) [*]	3	Student Teaching Sequence is not optional.	
Elective/Additional Gen Ed (if needed to reach 124 credits)	3	Complete intent to graduate in Jan.	
	15		15

Total Credits 125

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- ¹ At least one science course must have a lab component. One must be completed for ETM and all 3 are prerequisites for SCI ED 458. Currently, the only lab selections offered at Abington are ANTH 21 (Biological) and GEOG 210 (Earth).
- ² Students will need clearances because the course includes required fieldwork.
- ³ All students need 6 credits of Integrative Studies/Inter-Domain. This requirement can be fulfilled with either GEOG 30N or ANTH 45N for the Social Studies Selection and EDUC 466N for the Language Teaching Selection.

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Elementary and Early Childhood Education, B.S. at Altoona Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H ^{*#}	3 MTHED 200 or MATH 200 ^{**†}	3
EDTHP 115 ^{*#}	3 Earth Science Selection ^{**2}	3
EDUC 100	1 U.S. History Selection ^{**3}	3
Art Selection [*]	3 EDPSY 14 ^{*#}	3
Biological Science Selection ^{**†2}	3 Literature Selection ^{**†4}	3
Math GQ Selection ^{**†}	3	
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Physical Science Selection ^{**2}	3 CI 295A ^{*#}	3
EDPSY 11 or HDFS 229 ^{**†}	3 CAS 100A [*]	3
Social Studies Selection ^{**†}	3 Elective	3
Arts Selection	3 Education Selection [*]	3
EDPSY 101, STAT 100, or STAT 200 ^{**†}	3 ECE 451 [*]	3
CI 280 ^{**†}	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	18	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 202A or 202B [*]	3 CI 405 [*]	3
SPLD 400 [*]	4 CI 460 [*]	3
Educational Selection ^{*5}	3 LLED 400 [*]	3
Educational Selection ^{*5}	3 LLED 402 [*]	
ECE 453 [*]	3 SPLD 403A [*]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	17.5	12

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MTHED 420 [*]	3 CI 495D ^{*1}	12
SCIED 458 [*]	3 CI 495F ^{*1}	3
SSED 430W [*]	3	
CI 495A [*]	3	
LLED 402 [*]	3	
	15	15

Total Credits 125

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¹ No additional coursework permitted during Student Teaching. Student Teaching may be completed fall or spring semester.

² Biological Science, Earth Science and Physical Science Selections lists of acceptable courses available here (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate-teacher-education-pk-12/elementary-early-childhood-education-bs-pk-4/suggested-courses/>).

³ U.S. History Selection list of acceptable courses available here (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate-teacher-education-pk-12/elementary-early-childhood-education-bs-pk-4/suggested-courses/>).

⁴ Literature Selection list of acceptable courses available here (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate-teacher-education-pk-12/elementary-early-childhood-education-bs-pk-4/suggested-courses/>).

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**MTHED 200 and any 6 credits of GQ are required for ETM or MATH 200 and any 3 credits of GQ are required for ETM.*

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30H (GWS) ^{*†#}	3	CAS 100A (GWS) [‡]	3
MATH 200 (GQ) ^{*†#}	3	MATH 201 (or General Education Course (GQ))	3
EDTHP 115A ^{*#}	3	HDFS 229 (GS) ^{*#†}	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*#}	3	EDPSY 14 ^{*#}	3
General Education Course (GA)	3	Literature Selection ^{*#†}	3
First-Year Seminar	1		
	16		15

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 295A ^{*#}	3	ENGL 202A or 202B (GWS) [‡]	3
STAT 100 (GQ) ^{*†#}	3	SOC 30 [*]	3
GEOG 30N (GS) ^{*†}	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
SOC 205N [*]	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
U.S. History Selection [*]	3	General Education Course (GA)	3
		General Education Course (GHW) ^{*†}	1.5
	15		16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 280 (GH) ^{*†}	3	AED 303 [*]	3
ECE 451 [*]	3	LLED 400 [*]	3
ECE 479 [*]	3	LLED 401 [*]	3
LLED 497 [*]	3	LLED 402 [*]	3
SPLED 400 [*]	4	MUSIC 241 [*]	3
General Education Course (GHW) ^{*†}	1.5	SPLED 403A [*]	3
	17.5		18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CI 495A [*]	3	CI 495D [*]	12
CI 405 [*]	3	CI 495F [*]	3
MTHED 420 [*]	3		
SSED 430W (Course fulfills the Writing Across The Curriculum Requirement.)	3		

SCIED 458 [*]	3
	15
	15

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¹ The following courses are offered Fall Semester only: CI 280, 405, 495A, ECE 451, 479, KINES 126, LLED 497, MTHED 420, SPLED 400, SSED 430, SCIED 458.

² The following courses are offered Spring Semester only: AED 303, CI 495D, 495F, ENGL 202B, LLED 400, 401, 402, MATH 201, MUSIC 241, KINES 127, SPLED 403A.

³ For General Education Course (GN), students must complete one (1) to satisfy Entrance-to-Major requirements. Additionally, students must choose one (1) from each of the following areas: Biological, Earth, and Physical. One (1) of these courses must include a lab. Consult the following list: <https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate-teacher-education-pk-12/elementary-early-childhood-education-bs-pk-4/suggested-courses> (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate-teacher-education-pk-12/elementary-early-childhood-education-bs-pk-4/suggested-courses/>)

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⁶ Students who want to enter this teacher certification program must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.00 by the end of the third (3rd) semester and pass three (3) PECT-PAPA exams in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics by the end of the third (3rd) semester in addition to the Entrance-to-Major requirements listed above. Consult adviser for details.

⁷ Courses listed in Semester 6, Semester 7, and Semester 8 must be taken together during the same semester. Consult adviser for details.

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EDUC 100	1 CI 280 ^{**†}	3
EDTHP 115A (or spring) ^{**†}	3 MATH 201 (or MATH) [*]	3
U.S. History Selection (AMST 100) [*]	3 Literature Selection (LLED 215N) ^{**†}	3
HDFS 229 ^{**†}	3 Natural Science (Physical) ^{**†}	3
MATH 200 or MTHED 240 ^{**†}	3 CAS 100A ^{**†}	3
ENGL 15 ^{**†}	3	
	16	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Social Studies Selection (GEOG 30N) [*]	3 CI 295A ^{**#}	3
EDPSY 14 ^{**#}	3 EDPSY 101 or STAT 200 ^{**†}	3-4
Education Selection [*]	3 Arts Selection	3
Natural Science with Lab (Earth) ^{**†}	3 ECE 451 [*]	3
CSD 146 (minor)	0-3 Natural Science (Biological) ^{**†}	3
ECE 353 [*]	3	
	15-18	15-16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
LLED 400 [*]	3 SPLED 403A [*]	3
SPLED 400 [*]	4 LLED 401 [*]	3
GHW (Health and Wellness)	3 ENGL 202A or 202B ^{**†}	3
SPLED 419 (minor) or Education Selection [*]	3 CI 405 [*]	3
LLED 302 [*]	3 SPLED 461 (minor) or Education Selection [*]	3
RHS 100 (minor)	0-3	
	16-19	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CI 495A [*]	3 CI 495D [*]	3
MTHED 420 [*]	3 CI 495F [*]	12
SSED 430W [*]	3	
CI 460 [*]	3	
SCIED 458 [*]	3	
	15	15

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Additional Notes:

- All students are required to take three Education Selections; these may be as a minor or can be their selection.