

Southwestern Community College

Elementary Education

For students planning to transfer to UNI and major in Elementary Education, the following plan of study is generally recommended:

1. Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Southwestern Community College
2. Complete as many of the following courses at SWCC within the A.A./A.S. degree as possible. Courses listed in order of priority:

UNI COURSE	UNI NAME	SWCC COURSE	SWCC NAME
LITED 1044 ¹	Children's Literature	EDU 235 OR LIT 105	Children's Literature
SOCFOUND 2119 ²	Social and Cultural Foundations of Education	EDU 213 OR ECE 103	Intro to Education OR Intro to Early Childhood Education
MATH 1204 ³	Mathematical Reasoning	MAT 117	Math for Elementary Teachers
EDPSYCH 2068 ²	Development and Learning in Sociocultural Contexts	PSY 121	Developmental Psychology
SPIE 3150 ²	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Classrooms	EDU 245 OR ECE 287	Exceptional Learner
EDUC 1000EE5 ²	Educator Essentials: Effective Pedagogy	EDU 255	Technology in the Classroom

Students unable to take these courses within the A.A./A.S. degree, should reach out to a UNI Transfer Counselor at trfcounselors.uni.edu for recommended priority courses as soon as possible.

¹This course is an entrance requirement to the **Elementary Education Online Transfer Program**. Students intending to enroll in this program must successfully complete this course prior to their program's start.

²Students must earn a grade of C or higher

³Students must earn a grade of C- or higher

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NOTES FROM AN ADVISOR

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

To be recommended for an Iowa teaching license, students must **complete a minimum of 9 credit hours** in the sciences. These credits must come from three different areas:

- **Life Science:** An Inquiry to Life Science course, or an Introductory or General Biology course
- **Physical Science:** An Inquiry to Physical Science course, or an Introductory or General Chemistry or Physics course
- **Earth/Space Science:** An Inquiry to Earth and Space Science course, or an Introductory Astronomy, Weather, or Earth Science course

Note: Environmental Science will not fulfill any of the three.

SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

To be recommended for an Iowa teaching license, students must **complete a minimum of 9 credit hours** in the social sciences. These credits must come from three different areas:

- History
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Economics
- Geography
- Political Science

CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNI TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Complete at least 10 hours of PK-12 classroom observation (TEACHING 2020 or equivalent)
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: College of Education Advising and Teacher Education Success (CATS) Office
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