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Entrance Requirements

Official High School Transcripts, including a 12th Grade class schedule if applicable
SAT or ACT Scores
\$25.00 application fee

Major Requirements

BSED Elementary Education: Teaching

23/24 credits	Elementary Education Core Courses
40 credits	Classroom Teaching Track Courses
52 credits	Liberal Studies including 6 credits of mathematics
4/5 credits	Electives

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

BSED Elementary Education: Early Development and Learning

23/24 credits	Elementary Education Core Courses
42 credits	Early Learning Track Courses
52 credits	Liberal Studies
2/3 credits	Electives

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Programs

The mission of the department is to prepare teachers to successfully teach all children in varied settings, including urban, suburban and rural schools. Two tracks are offered: a teaching track preparing future teachers for certification to teach in public or private schools or an early learning track preparing students to work in agencies that specialize in serving the needs of young children.

Career Opportunities

Elementary Education majors successfully completing all requirements in the teaching track are eligible to apply for Pennsylvania certification in grades kindergarten through six. Additionally, students with minors in English, mathematics, the sciences or history can take the corresponding middle school Praxis test to add middle school certification. Early learning track majors find careers in social agencies, childcare and hospital settings where their knowledge and expertise is especially valuable.

Elementary education majors graduating from Slippery Rock University have gone on to teach not only in elementary schools in western Pennsylvania, but across the state and the nation. Our graduates have gone on to study in graduate programs in education, including the principalship and superintendancy, as well as in reading, special education and in other fields. Our graduates also work in childcare settings and other fields related to working with children.

Liberal Education Requirements*

Approximately one-half of a student's courses will be credited toward completing liberal studies requirements. The liberal studies program is designed to provide students with the breadth of knowledge expected of an educated person in our society. These courses compliment the depth of specialty acquired in a student's major.

The program contains seven critical goals or areas of study. For each area, students select one or two classes from a selection of "goal courses." In addition, in some areas of study, students select a course from a wide class selection identified as "enrichment courses." These courses provide the opportunity to broaden and deepen knowledge in the goal area. Lastly, co-curricular "Supporting Experiences," are identified. These activities and programs available to all students and encompass working on student publications, belonging to honorary societies or working with various special on-campus special interest groups.

Goal I: Basic Competencies

Goal II: The Arts

Goal III: Cultural Diversity and Global Perspective

Goal IV: Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relationships

Goal V: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Goal VI: Our National Experience

Goal VII: Challenges of the Modern Age

**All SRU students must complete the liberal studies requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Department of Elementary/Early Childhood Education offers a program leading to teacher certification in - English as a Second Language (ESL). ESL training components include: English Usage and Developing Linguistic Awareness; English as a Second Language – Instructional Materials/Development; English Language Learners (ELLs) Language & Support Services Knowledge and Developing Cultural Awareness/Sensitivity. For further information on registering call the Office of Admissions at (724) 738-2015.

Teacher Certification

The department follows guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Specific course, QPA, Praxis Examination, Act 34 and 151, and other requirements may be obtained from the department office.

Graduate Study

The Department of Elementary/Early Childhood Education offers a Master of Education degree with an emphasis in either reading or mathematics, science and technology curriculum. Additionally, a program 21 credits of graduate coursework as preparation for certification as a reading specialist is available.

The successful unconditional applicant to the graduate program must hold or be eligible to hold a Pennsylvania teaching certificate, have a 3.0 undergraduate QPA, and satisfactory GRE scores. For further information, contact the Office of Graduate Studies or the department office.

Academic Programs 2004-2005



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