

# University of West Florida

## College of Professional Studies, School of Education

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### Curriculum & Instruction, M.Ed. Elementary Education Comprehensive Specialization

This program is an NCATE approved Comprehensive Specialization in Elementary Education. Prospective students must possess professional certification to be eligible for admission into this specialization. This specialization is designed to develop master teachers who will be prepared for the instructional and leadership roles in elementary education. It should be noted that students will select a Faculty Mentor before completing EDG 5366. This Faculty Mentor will provide career advice, provide advice about the selection of elective courses related to the student's area of interest, and provide direction and advisement to the students concerning professional issues. Students must also complete a Cognate program of study of at least 15 semester hours. Possible Cognate areas for consideration are Applied Behavior Analysis, Career & Technical, ESOL, and/or Reading Endorsement. Before graduating, students will be required to complete an action research project. Students in the Master's degree program have 21 semester hours of required core courses in Education and 15 semesters hours in a cognate, i.e., major. This 36 semester hour program is 100% online and includes the following courses:

#### **Required Core Course (3 sh)**

EDF 6691 Issues in Teacher Education: A Bio-Psycho-Social Understanding

EEX 6051 Exceptionalities

#### **Educational Investigative Sequence (9 sh)**

EDE 6482 Research Practicum

EDE 6911 Action Research

EDG 5366 Investigative Strategies & Empirical

Foundations in Learning & Development

(A Faculty Mentor must be selected before completing EDG 5366)

#### **Divisional Core Courses (9 sh)**

EDE 6206 Integrated Curriculum & Instruction/Elementary Education

EDE 6521 Practical Applications and Issues in Assessment and Classroom Management:

Elementary Education

#### **Cognate Course (15 sh minimum)**

Course Plan must be approved by Faculty Mentor & Chairperson before initiating Cognate Courses.

**Accreditation:** The University of West Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). In addition, graduate programs are reviewed by the Florida Department of Education.

**Admission:** <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/apply.cfm>. Deadlines for Applications and Supporting Documents: Fall Semester – June 30th; Spring Semester – November 1st; Summer Semester – April 1st. If you would like to begin online courses before the formal degree application process is concluded, please complete and submit the: Non-Degree Student Documentation.

**Tuition:** <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/affordable/tuition.cfm>. Non-Florida residents admitted to this program are eligible for an Out-of-State tuition waiver upon request. Out-of-State Tuition Fee Waiver <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/affordable/waivers.cfm>.

**Financial Aid:** <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/financialaid.cfm>.

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