

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (K-6) at Lake-Sumter State College prepares students to become certified Elementary Education K-6 teachers and provides the local school district with a pool of qualified teachers to fill the county’s vacancies. Students graduating from this program will be eligible to obtain a teaching certificate in Elementary Education K-6, as well as an ESOL and Reading Endorsement. Through impactful, school-based experiences embedded throughout related coursework, LSSC prepares teacher candidates for the realistic demands of today’s classrooms while meeting the needs of school districts throughout Central Florida.

Graduates will be eligible to teach kindergarten, all elementary grade levels, and sixth grade in middle school. Furthermore, graduates can pursue additional certifications (i.e. Early Childhood) and advanced degrees to expand their employment opportunities. Opportunities for graduates may also include positions outside the traditional public-school setting, and opportunities in careers in publishing, literacy, and instructional design.

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

The Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAP) serve as Florida’s expectations for effective educators, providing guidance on what educators are expected to know and be able to do. These practices form the foundation for instructional personnel evaluation and professional learning systems, educator preparation programs and educator certification requirements. The FEAP are based on these four essential principles.

- The effective educator creates a culture of high expectations for all students by promoting the importance of education and each student’s capacity for academic achievement.
- The effective educator demonstrates deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught.
- The effective educator exemplifies the standards of the profession.
- The effective educator acknowledges that all persons are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, and provides instruction that is consistent with the principles of individual freedom as outlined in section 1003.42(3), F.S.

Program Outcomes

Program Completion Rate Benchmark: 85% of students will finish the Elementary Education BS program within 100% of the program length or five semesters.

Job placement rate Benchmark: 95% of Elementary Education BS program graduates will be employed full-time or part-time in a teaching position within six months of graduation.

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Elementary Education Baccalaureate Degree Program Requirements (60 Credit Hours)

The following 60 hours of Advanced Level courses are required with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Code	Title	Hours
RED 3012	Basic Foundations of Reading	3
TSL 4240	ESOL Foundations: Second Language Acquisition	3
EDG 4410	Classroom Management and Instruction	3
EEX 4070	Curriculum and Instructional Strategies for Exceptional Students	3
EDG 4942	Practicum in Elementary Education II	3
RED 4519	Diagnostic and Corrective Reading Strategies	3
TSL 4080	ESOL Methods, Curriculum, and Assessment	3
MAE 3311	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
LAE 4314	Language Arts in the Elementary School	3
EDG 4943	Practicum in Elementary Education III	3
SCE 3310	Integration of Science and Technology in the Elementary School	3
LAE 3414	Children’s Literature	3
MAE 4326	Practicum for Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
RED 4942	Practicum for Assessment and Instruction of Reading	3
EDF 4467	Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment in Education	3
SSE 3312	Content Literacy Strategies in Elementary Social Studies	3
EDF 4945	Internship in Education	12
Total Hours		60

Passing scores on all sections [General Knowledge, Professional, and Subject Area (Elementary Education K-6)] of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE) are required prior to entry into Internship or evidence of attempted exams and signed contract acknowledging FTCE requirement for graduation.

All coursework must be completed with a grade point average of 2.5 or better before registering for Internship.

Students must apply and be approved for internship.

Satisfactory completion of Internship requires the student to demonstrate proficiency in all Florida Educator Accomplished Practices at the pre-professional level in accordance with State Board of Education Rule 6A-5.066.

Civic Literacy Requirement

As per the amended Florida Rule 6A-10.02413, prior to the award of a specialized associate in arts transfer degree, associate in arts, associate

in science, or baccalaureate degree, LSSC students under the 2022-2023 Catalog and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to graduation:

- successfully passing POS 2041 American National Government or AMH 2020 U.S. History Since 1877, or AMH 2010 U.S. History to 1877 (beginning Fall 2024 forward), or AMS 2010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order and achieving a 60% or higher on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam , or
- successfully passing a prescribed assessment:
 - AP Government & Politics Test: United States (passing score of 3), or
 - AP U.S. History Test (passing score of 4), or
 - CLEP American Government (passing score of 50)
 - CLEP History of the United States I (passing score of 50)

To verify your Civic Literacy Requirement, please visit Degree Works (<https://degreeworks.lssc.edu/>)

Fulfill the Florida Foreign Language Competence requirement for bachelor's degrees, even if this requires the student to exceed 120 total semester credit hours. Students may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing one of the following options:

- Completion of two (2) credits at the secondary (high school) level in the same language
- Complete and pass the elementary 2 level or higher of one foreign language at the college level

Passing scores on all sections [General Knowledge Test (GKT), Professional, and Subject Area (Elementary Education K-6)] of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE) are required for graduation.