

Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science Degree
Grades K-8 Certification

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
(same language or two years of American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Did You Know?

- Our students have opportunities to observe and learn in diverse learning environments in the immediate geographic area and in the Portland, Maine, area.
- Students have the opportunity to do part of their student teaching abroad.
- Students may have the opportunity to participate in a professional development school site, where teacher candidates learn and grow over multiple semesters, and gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning.

College of Education and Human Development

Program Description

The college's educator preparation programs emphasize a diverse liberal arts background and highly relevant professional training. A partnership with area K-12 schools provides a realistic setting for teaching and learning.

Undergraduate studies are built around a strong liberal arts-based academic background, child development and pedagogy courses reflecting the latest research on teaching and learning, and incorporating standards and performance-based instruction and assessment. Students intern in area schools, guided by UMaine faculty, mentor teachers and other participating K-12 educators.

Students proceed through the critical first two years and the teacher candidacy application process at the end of the sophomore year with the assistance of a full-time advising center. After being admitted to teacher candidacy, they begin work with faculty advisors in various areas of specialization. Throughout the program, students develop an e-portfolio that documents students' learning and professional growth and serves as a valuable self-marketing asset. The college's computer lab offers instruction, problem solving and practice using the latest equipment and educational software. Students graduating from this program are reflective practitioners who understand and apply research-based instructional strategies.

The college's teacher preparation programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the state of Maine. After successfully completing graduation requirements and the state-required examination, graduates are recommended for Maine provisional teaching certificates. National accreditation helps pave the way for reciprocal certification in other states.

Specialized Information

An annual conference designed for undergraduates in elementary education is held in partnership with the state Department of Education and Maine colleges and universities that have undergraduate programs in elementary education.

ERL319 Teaching Reading and Language Arts Preschool to Grade 3 has a field component in which students learn theory and current practices, and develop lessons for teaching in local public schools.

Student teaching requirements: a GPA of 2.5 or better; a C- or better in all required education courses; no incompletes in any required education course; passing grade on Praxis I for Teacher Candidacy and Praxis II prior to the student teaching semester; proof of fingerprinting and background check authorization by the Maine Department of Education.

It is recommended that students own a laptop and specific software. Additional information about the college's technology requirement is online (umaine.edu/edhd/laptops-in-education).

Representative Courses

EDB 202 Education in a Multicultural Society
EDB 221 Educational Psychology
CHF 201 Introduction to Child Development
EDB 204 Teaching Process
ERL 317 Children's Literature
ERL 319 Teaching Read/Lang Arts Preschool-Grade 3
ERL 320 Teaching Reading and Language Arts Grades 4-8
SED 402 Adapted Instruction for Students with Disabilities

EDS 320 Educational Assessment
ESS 315 Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School
ESC 316 Teaching Science in the Elementary School
EMA 314 Teaching Math in the Elementary School
EDG 400 Field Experience
STT 498 Seminar for Interns
STT 490 Internship
EDG 499 Alternative Capstone Experience

Student Awards and Recognition

Special recognition of students includes UMaine 4.0 GPA Presidential Pin Awards and membership in Kappa Delta Pi honor society. Students also are encouraged to join the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Association for Childhood International, Zero-to-Three, EChO — UMaine's early childhood student organization, and SEAM — UMaine's public school educators student organization.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

Pre-K, elementary and middle school educator

UMaine Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Education (M.Ed), and Master of Science (M.S.) degrees; the Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.); and doctoral (Ed.D.) level. Program areas include teacher education (M.A.T., M.Ed., C.A.S.) in elementary, secondary, science, and social studies education; literacy (M.A., M.S., M.Ed., C.A.S., Ph.D.); counselor education (M.A., M.S., M.Ed., C.A.S., Ph.D.); educational leadership (M.Ed, C.A.S., Ed.D), higher education (M.Ed., C.A.S., Ed.D., Ph.D.); kinesiology and physical education (M.S., M.Ed.); instructional technology (M.Ed.); and special education (M.Ed., C.A.S.) Secondary education concentrations include English, modern languages, mathematics, science and social studies.

About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

How do I apply?

Visit go.umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.



Academic Programs 2011–12

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