

Academic Planning Guide - Education: Early Childhood

North Park University

effective with 2014-2015 Catalog

Major Requirements

Required Semester Hours : 58 semester hours

Required Education Courses : 41 semester hours

Professional Term A (8 sh)

- EDUC 2120: Introduction to Teaching: Professional Responsibilities (2) - *partially meets Writing Intensive requirement*
- EDUC 2130: Educational Psychology (2)
- EDUC 2140: Curriculum: Planning & Preparation (2)
- EDUC 2145: Instruction and Assessment (2) - *partially meets Writing Research requirement*

Professional Term B (12 sh)

- EDUC 2300: Infant & Child Development (2) *spring only*
- EDUC 3340: Methods in Science K-4 (1) *fall only*
- EDUC 3345: Methods of Reading, Language Arts & Social Studies K-4 (4) *fall only*
- EDUC 3370: Methods in Mathematics K-4 (2) *fall only*
- EDUC 3430: Survey of Exceptional Learner (3)
- EDUC 3510: Practicum B: Teacher Aiding(0)

Professional Term C (10 sh)

- EDUC 3130: Multicultural Educational Practices (2)
- EDUC 3180: Language Development in Early Childhood (2) *fall only*
- EDUC 3330: Principles & Practice of Play and Language in Early Childhood Education (2) *fall only*
- EDUC 3360: Instruction in Early Childhood (2) *spring only*
- EDUC 3520: Practicum C: Mini-Teaching (1) **(must be taken twice)**
- EDUC 3930: Parent Child Community Relations (2) *spring only*

Professional Term D (12 sh)

- EDUC 4130: Student Teaching (8)
- EDUC 4600: Education Philosophy Capstone: Seminar for Student Teachers (2-4)

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement is required for all students in this licensure program.

- EDUC 3540: ESL Practicum (0 -1)
- EDUC 3601: Introduction to Linguistics (2)
- EDUC 3602: Sociolinguistics and Cross Cultural Differences (4)
- EDUC 3603: Theoretical Foundations of Teaching ESL and Foreign Language (3)
- EDUC 3604: Assessment of ESL and Foreign Language Students (4)
- EDUC 3605: Method and Materials for Teaching ESL and Foreign Languages (4)

Full admission into the Teacher Education Program is based on:

- Formal application to the School of Education when enrolled in EDUC 2120
- An overall GPA of 2.5
- Completion of Professional Term A
- Positive recommendations from the School of Education Faculty
- Approval by the Teacher Education Screening Committee
- Meeting the Illinois test of basic skills requirement (passing the Test of Academic Proficiency or using the ACT or SAT in lieu of the TAP)
- Completion of TB clearance
- Successful results of criminal background check

Content Area Test: Students are required to pass the ISBE Content Area Test prior to beginning student teaching.

Assessment of Professional Teaching: Students are required to pass the APT test prior to receiving a teaching licence

Grade Requirement: All Professional education and content-area coursework that forms part of an application for licensure, endorsement or approval must have been passed with a grade no lower than "C" or equivalent in order to be counted toward fulfillment of the applicable requirements.

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Core Curriculum

Starting with the framework of North Park's identity as a Christian, liberal arts institution, our Core Curriculum is intentionally multi-disciplinary and multi-year. It is set up as a progress through three areas: Foundation Courses, Explorations Courses, and Capstone Courses.

<http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum>

Foundations

Preparing for more in-depth work in both the Core Curriculum and your major

Cornerstone Seminar (4sh)

Biblical Studies (4sh)

Health and Well-Being (2sh)

Analytical & Quantitative Reasoning (4sh)

Global Histories (4sh)

Modern Languages (8sh)

Explorations

Knowledge in specific disciplines, with strong emphasis on how you can use them in the context of your own life

Art and Aesthetics (2sh)

Christian Life & Thought (4sh)

Life Science (2sh/lab)

Physical Science (2sh/lab)

Culture and Society (4sh)

Ethical Reasoning (2sh)

Intermediate Level Writing

Two courses in the context of your major that specifically address writing clearly and doing effective research

Writing Intensive Course (4sh)
<i>partially met by EDUC 2120</i>

Research Writing Course (4sh)
<i>partially met by EDUC 2145</i>

Keystone

Interdisciplinary integration of skills and knowledge applied to contemporary social issues

Keystone Seminar (4sh)

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