Academic Planning Guide - Education: Elementary

North Park University

effective with 2014-2015 Catalog

Major Requirements

Required Semester Hours: **61 - 64 semester hours**

Required Education Courses **: 43 - 46 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 (15 sh)

- EDUC 3011: Middle School & Adolescent Development (3)
- EDUC 3260: Methods in Art for Elem. Teachers (1) *fall only*
- EDUC 3270: Methods in Music Educ. For Elem. Teachers (1) *fall only*
- EDUC 3340: Methods in Science K-4 (1) *fall only*
- EDUC 3345: Methods of 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 (10-11 sh)

- EDUC 3130: Multicultural Education (2)
- EDUC 3230: Methods and Techniques of Teaching Science in Grades 5-9 (1) *spring only*
- EDUC 3240: Methods and Techniques of Teaching Social Studies in Grades 5-9 (1) *spring only*
- EDUC 3280: Methods in Physical Education & Health for Elementary Teachers (1) *spring only*
- EDUC 3310: Teaching Reading and Language Arts in Grades 5-9 (2)
- EDUC 3380: Methods in Mathematics Grades 5-9 (2) *spring* only; *Students seeking Math endorsement should take for 3sh.*
- EDUC 3520: Practicum C: Mini-Teaching (1-2)

Professional Term D (10-12 sh)

- EDUC 4110: Student Teaching-Elementary (8)
- EDUC 4600: Education Philosophy Capstone: Seminar for Student Teachers (2-4)

Academic Area of Concentration: 18 semester hours

In addition to requirements in education, students must complete an 18 semester hour area of concentration. Please consult Mr. Karlton Gilton (773-244-5612), Program Advisor, for additional information regarding areas of concentration.

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)
	partially met by EDUC 2120

	Research Writing Course (4sh)
	partially met by EDUC 2145

Keystone

Interdisciplinary integration of skills and knowledge applied to contemporary social issues

	Keystone Seminar (4sh)

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