

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION: CONCENTRATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Admission to Program

The Concentration in Elementary Education is only open to graduates of the SF State Multiple Subjects Credential Program. Applicants must possess an elementary teaching credential or the equivalent or be in the student teaching phase of the Multiple Subjects Credential Program. All requirements for the MA degree must be completed within seven years of the START of credential coursework. Twelve units from the Multiple Subject Credential can be transferred to this MA program.

Application to the program requires the following:

1. Apply to the MA program via CalState Apply <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/>). Students currently enrolled in the Multiple Subjects Credential Program do not need to pay an application fee; please see Elementary Education office for the procedure. For additional help with CalState Apply visit <http://goe.sfsu.edu/current-students/how-apply> (<http://goe.sfsu.edu/current-students/how-apply/>).
 - a. The CalState Apply application must include the submission of a written statement of purpose (two-page minimum) The statement of purpose should describe the applicant's goals for seeking the degree and describe the applicant's level of academic and professional preparation. Both content and writing skill will be evaluated as part of the admissions decision and will determine whether the candidate has met Level One Written Language Proficiency at admission (see below). Current MSC students may submit an academic writing sample from their credential coursework in lieu of a statement of purpose to demonstrate Level One Written Language Proficiency.
 - b. The CalState Apply application must also include two letters of recommendation from the following:
 - A college/university instructor addressing the applicant's ability to pursue graduate-level work.
 - A supervisor at a school or district addressing the applicant's successful experience in classroom teaching or related work.
2. Applicants must also meet the following requirements:
 - a. Possession of a Multiple Subject or elementary teaching credential.
 - b. Currently enrolled in the SF State Multiple Subjects Credential Program or completed the program within the previous 2 years.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

Level One

Applicants to the program are assessed on the application essay based upon the elementary education program's criteria. The evaluation rubric considers:

1. mechanics and style,
2. coherence and argumentation, and
3. content, that is, the relevancy of applicants' experience and goals for the program.

Level Two

Students are assessed on the quality of their culminating experience E ED 895.

Education (M.A.): Concentration in Elementary Education – 30 units

Credential Courses to Be Counted Toward the MA Degree (12 units)

Code	Title	Units
E ED 701	Social, Cultural, and Historical Foundations of Education	3
E ED 777	Curriculum and Instruction in Science	3
E ED 782	Teaching Reading and Language Arts: K-5	3
E ED 786	Seminar in Developmental Teaching and Learning	3

Additional Required Courses (9 units)

At least nine units must form an Area of Specialization:

Code	Title	Units
E ED 765	Elementary School Science	3
ISED 797	Seminar in Educational Research	3
S ED 774	Teacher Research Methodologies	3

Elective Courses (6 units)

In consultation with their academic advisor, students should select 6 elective units in the Department of Elementary Education or other academic departments university-wide that are relevant to their academic and professional learning goals. All electives must be approved by the academic advisor. Options include but are not limited to:

Code	Title	Units
E ED 615	Environmental Education in Early Childhood Education	3
E ED 726	Engaging Young Writers in Classroom Settings, TK-12	3
E ED 761	School Mathematics: Problem Solving	3
E ED 767	Elementary School Creative Arts	3
E ED 850	Mathematics and Science Inquiry for Children	3

Relevant science content courses, with approval of advisor.

Culminating Experience (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
E ED 895	Field Study	3