Elementary Education  
Bachelor of Science  
2017-2018

Nature of Work:
K-8 teachers focus on enabling their students to develop their full mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual potential. Teachers facilitate interactive group discussions and “hands-on” learning, often employing creative “props” or “manipulatives” to help children understand abstract concepts, solve problems, and develop critical thought processes. Because of the high demands on time, energy, and creativity, teaching requires extraordinary commitment. However, the high rewards of teaching equal—and often surpass—its high demands. With additional training and experience, some teachers choose to use their gifts as school administrators or counselors.

Professional Training:
Education graduates who have elementary teaching credentials will be qualified to teach kindergarten through the eighth grade. All 50 states and the District of Columbia require public school teachers to be certified. Requirements for teaching certification vary by state. However, all states require a bachelor's degree and completion of an approved teacher training program with a prescribed number of subjects, education credits, and supervised student teaching clinical experience.

Denominational Opportunities for Baptized SDA Students:
Many teaching positions are available to elementary teachers with a B.S. degree, especially if candidates are willing to teach almost anywhere in the country. Contact the School of Education & Psychology for more information on current positions. Denominational certification is highly recommended and may be required by the hiring school.

Job Outlook:
Society’s attitude is focusing more and more on the benefits of service and volunteerism. Many people are discovering teaching as a venue where they can turn service into a satisfying career that provides meaningful and intrinsic rewards not only for themselves, but also for their students.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) states that the employment of kindergarten and elementary school teachers “is projected to grow by 6 percent from 2014 to 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Growth is expected because of projected increases in student enrollment.” Employment opportunities will vary by region. (See www.bls.gov)

Earnings:
According to the BLS, in May 2016, kindergarten teachers, except special education, earned a median annual salary of $52,620, elementary school teachers, except special education, earned $55,800, and middle school teachers earned $56,720 (see www.bls.gov). Teachers can boost their earnings in a number of ways. In some schools, teachers receive extra pay for coaching sports and working with students in extracurricular activities. Getting a master's degree or national certification often will also result in a raise of pay.
The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. **Classes that are offered with multiple sections are listed in each quarter they are available.** Classes that are offered concurrently with another class are listed with an OR option—you may only take one (1) of the options per quarter. Cognates, general studies courses, and electives should be taken to complete 192 credit hours to complete a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

See the Undergraduate Bulletin for complete requirements.

### Autumn
- **Freshman**
  - EDUC 211 Intro to & Foundations of Education ........................................... 4
  - PSYC 217 Psychology of Learning & Development ................................. 4
  - MATH 112 Math for Elementary Teachers .............................................. 3
  - SPCH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ............................ 4
  - BIOL 105 Contemporary Biology ......................................................... 4
  - ENGL 121 College Writing I ............................................................... 3
  - ENGL 122 College Writing II ............................................................ 3
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Sophomore**
  - HLTH 110 Wellness for Living............................................................ 3
  - **RELT 202** Christian Beliefs ............................................................ 4
  - HIST 221 U.S. History ................................................................. 4
  - OR
  - HIST 222 U.S. History ........................................................................ 4
  - PHYS 152 Physical Science (PHYS 154 Lab) ........................................ 4
  - ENGL 223 Research Writing .............................................................. 3
  - PHYS 151 Physical Science (PHYS 154 Lab) ........................................ 4
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Junior**
  - EDUC 360 T & L: Inclusive Literacy I ................................................ 4
  - EDUC 373 T & L: STEM I Math & Tech ................................................ 4
  - EDUC 405 Organization & Management .............................................. 4
  - SPED 421 Teaching & Learning in Inclusive Classrooms .................. 4
  - EDUC 315 Technology in Education ................................................... 3
  - ENGL 374 Lit for Children & Young Adults ........................................ 4
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #
  - EDUC 495 Colloquium: Child Abuse .................................................. 0

- **Senior**
  - EDUC 410 Philosophy of Education .................................................... 3
  - EDUC 444 T & L: Cultural Diversity & Small Schools ...................... 3
  - EDUC 460 Elem Student Teaching Part I ............................................. 3
  - EDUC 480 Elem Student Teaching Part III ......................................... 3
  - SPED 480 Elem Student Teaching Part III .......................................... 2-12
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

### Winter
- **Freshman**
  - PSYC 217 Psychology of Learning & Development ................................. 4
  - MATH 112 Math for Elementary Teachers .............................................. 3
  - SPCH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ............................ 4
  - BIOL 106 Contemporary Biology ......................................................... 4
  - ENGL 121 College Writing I ............................................................... 3
  - ENGL 122 College Writing II ............................................................ 3
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Sophomore**
  - GEOG 252 Physical Geography ........................................................... 4
  - HLTH 110 Wellness for Living............................................................ 4
  - **RELT 202** Christian Beliefs ............................................................ 4
  - HIST 221 U.S. History ................................................................. 4
  - OR
  - HIST 222 U.S. History ........................................................................ 4
  - PHYS 152 Physical Science (PHYS 154 Lab) ........................................ 4
  - ENGL 223 Research Writing .............................................................. 3
  - PHYS 151 Physical Science (PHYS 154 Lab) ........................................ 4
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Junior**
  - EDUC 350 Language Development in Young Children ........................ 3
  - EDUC 382 T & L: Social Studies ......................................................... 3
  - EDUC 383 T & L: STEM II Science & Engineering ............................... 2
  - PETH 473 Teaching Elementary Health & PE .................................... 3
  - EDUC 390 Measurement & Evaluation in Education ......................... 4
  - ART 395 Methods of Teaching Art .................................................... 2
  - EDUC 373 T & L: STEM I Math & Tech ................................................ 4
  - SPED 421 Teaching & Learning in Inclusive Classrooms .................. 4
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Senior**
  - EDUC 410 Philosophy of Education .................................................... 3
  - EDUC 444 T & L: Cultural Diversity & Small Schools ...................... 3
  - EDUC 460 Elem Student Teaching Part I ............................................. 3
  - EDUC 480 Elem Student Teaching Part III ......................................... 3
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### Spring
- **Freshman**
  - EDUC 211 Intro to & Foundations of Education ........................................... 4
  - SPCH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ............................ 4
  - ENGL 121 College Writing I ............................................................... 3
  - ENGL 122 College Writing II ............................................................ 3
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Sophomore**
  - HLTH 110 Wellness for Living............................................................ 4
  - **RELT 202** Christian Beliefs ............................................................ 4
  - HIST 221 U.S. History ................................................................. 4
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  - PHYS 151 Physical Science (PHYS 154 Lab) ........................................ 4
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Junior**
  - EDUC 350 Language Development in Young Children ........................ 3
  - EDUC 382 T & L: Social Studies ......................................................... 3
  - EDUC 383 T & L: STEM II Science & Engineering ............................... 2
  - EDUC 450 Intro to Student Teaching Field Experience ....................... 1
  - EDUC 490 Measurement & Evaluation in Education ......................... 4
  - MUED 394 Music in Elementary School ............................................. 3
  - EDU 373 T & L: STEM I Math & Tech ................................................ 4
  - SPED 421 Teaching & Learning in Inclusive Classrooms .................. 4
  - RELB Religion Option ........................................................................... #

- **Senior**
  - EDUC 410 Philosophy of Education .................................................... 3
  - EDUC 444 T & L: Cultural Diversity & Small Schools ...................... 3
  - EDUC 460 Elem Student Teaching Part I ............................................. 3
  - EDUC 480 Elem Student Teaching Part III ......................................... 3
  - SPED 480 Elem Student Teaching Part III .......................................... 2-12
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### Notes:
- Classes offered even years
- Classes offered odd years
- Courses required for Denominational Certification
- Total of 8 credits
- Non-SDA students take RELT 110