SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences
Major: Early Childhood Education
Cooperative Elementary Education Program with DSU
2018-2019 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 141 credits

Student		Student ID#		Student Phone #	
Advisor		Minimum GPA		Minor/Career Interest(s)	

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog.

First Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIOL 101/L	Biology Survey I and Lab	SGR #6	3		
EHS 119	EHS Seminar	(take ECE section)	2		
ENGL 101	Composition I	SGR #1	3		
HIST 151 or 152	US History I or US History II		3		
PSYC 101	General Psychology	SGR #3	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 150/L	Early Experience and Lab		2		
GEOG 131/L OR GEOG 132/L	Physical Geography: Weather & Climate and Lab OR Physical Geography: Natural Landscapes	SGR #6	4		
MATH 102	College Algebra	SGR #5	3		
ART 121	Design 2D	SGR #4 Spring Only	3	S	
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech	SGR #2	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 201	Composition II	ENGL 101, SGR #1	3		
ENGL 240	Juvenile Literature	SGR #4 Online	3		
HDFS 210	Lifespan Development	SGR #3	3		
POLS 100	American Government		3		
SPED 100	Intro to Persons w/ Exceptions	Online through DSU	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 196	Field Experience		2		
ECE 240	Child Development I: Prenatal to 2		3		
ECE 241	Child Development II: 3 to 8 Years		3		
EDFN 338	Foundations of American Education	Online	2		
HDFS 241	Family Relations		3		
EDFN 475	Human Relations		3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 296	Field Experience		1		
ECE 320	Pedagogy and Curriculum		3		
ECE 360	Play and Inquiry		3		
ELED 360/L	Earth and Physical Science to Educators	Online through DSU	4		
MATH 341	Math Concepts for Teachers I	Online through DSU	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 455	Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Settings		3		
ECE 488	Student Teaching (pre-K)		6		
EHS 319	Life, Love and Money	Spring Only	2	S	
MATH 342	Math Concepts for teachers II	Online through DSU	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MUS 351	Elementary Music Methods	May Interim	2		
PE 360/L	K-8 Physical Ed. Methods	May Interim	2		
		Total Credit Hours	4		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	American Indian Culture and Education		3		
EDFN 365	Computer-Based Technology and Learning		2		
EPSY 302	Educational Psychology		3		
GEOG 210	World Regional Geography		3		
		Total Credit Hours	11		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDER 415	Educational Assessment		2		
ELED 395	Practicum I		1		
ELED 440	K-8 Language Arts Methods		2		
ELED 450	K-8 Reading Methods	Online through DSU	3		
HLTH 420	Methods of Health Instruction	Spring Only	2	S	
SPED 441	Inclusive Methods for Diverse learners		2		
	Elective		1		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MLED 300	Survey of Middle Level Education	Online	1		
		Total Credit Hours	1		

Fifth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CSC 105	Introduction to computers		3		
ELED 320	K-8 Science Methods		3		
ELED 330	K-8 Math Methods		3		
ELED 360	K-8 Social Studies Methods		2		

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ELED 495	Practicum II		1		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 441	Professional Issues in Child and Family Studies*		2		
ELED 448	Student Teaching		8		
EDFN 440	Classroom Management		2		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the Honors program requirements.

All semesters starting in Year 2 Spring Semester must follow one another in the sequence shown unless determined otherwise by advisor. ECE courses have to be taken together in the designated semester.

Academic Requirements
- Entry into the major academic courses in all ECE program tracks include passing scores in Praxis I: Core Reading (140), Writing (150), and Math (132). Students will work their academic advisor for registering for the Praxis exams.
- A grade of "C" or better is required in SPCM 101, ENGL 101, PSYC 101, and MATH 102 or higher, and all courses for the major (classes with department/program prefix).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required to enroll in any education courses.

Early Childhood Education Notes
- A pre-graduate check is required 2 semesters before graduation semester. At beginning of graduation semester, a graduation application must be completed.
- A grade of "C" or better is required in PSYC 101, ENGL 101, SPCM 101, MATH 102, and all major courses with an EDFN, HDFS or ECE prefix.
- Students must meet all GPA Requirements (2.6 for graduation, 2.8 in major courses including ECE, HDFS, and EDFN) and be accepted into the ECE Teacher Education program/ECE-PSI and ECE-PS II.
- Students will be required to pass the PRAXIS content and Principles of Teaching and Learning exams in order to be considered a Highly Qualified Teacher.

DSU Cooperative ELED Certification Course Requirements (42cr)
- EDFN 338 Foundations of American Education
- SPED 100 Students with Exceptionalities (online)
- ELED 303 Earth and Physical Science for Elementary Teachers (online)
- ELED 395 Practicum I (S-I)
- ELED 440 K-8 Language Arts Methods (S-I)
- ELED 450 K-8 Reading Methods (S-I)
- SPED 411 Inclusive Methods for Diverse Learners (S-I)
- MLED 300 Survey of Middle Level Education (SU)
- CSC 105 Introduction to Computers (F)
- ELED 495 Practicum II (F)
- ELED 320 K-8 Science Methods (F)
- ELED 330 K-8 Math Methods (F)
- ELED 360 K-8 Social Studies Methods (F)
- EDFN 440 Classroom Management (S-II)
- ELED 488 Student Teaching (S-II)
- EDER 415 Educational Assessment

South Dakota Certification requirements
- Completion of an approved bachelor's Early Childhood Education Birth – Age 8 preparation program.
- Completion of an approved Indian Studies course.
- Pass the state designated content knowledge test.
- Pass the state designated pedagogy test.
- Completion of a Suicide Awareness and Prevention training, available free online through the South Dakota Department of Education.
- Apply online with the South Dakota Department of Education.
- Written recommendation from institution of higher education (SDSU) verifying program completion.

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