# South Dakota State University

**Bachelor of Science**
**Major: Elementary Education**
**2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan**
**Total Degree Requirements: 120 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 | | 2 | | |
| HIST 151 OR HIST 152 OR POLS 100 | US History I OR US History II OR American Government | SGR #3 | 3 | | |
| PSYC 101 | General Psychology | SGR #3 – Civics Requirement | 3 | | |
| SGR #1 | Written Communication | SGR #1 | 3 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 14 | | |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 102 | Introduction to Education | *Must be taken prior to admission to Teacher Education | 3 | | |
| GEOG 131/L or GEOG 132/L | Physical Geography: Weather and Climate and Lab or Physical Geography: Natural Landscapes and Lab | SGR #6 | 4 | | |
| SGR #2 | Oral Communication | SGR #2 | 3 | | |
| SGR #4 | Arts and Humanities | SGR #4 | 3 | | |
| SGR #5 | Mathematics | SGR #5 | 3 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 16 | | |

## SECOND YEAR

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AIS 211 | South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education | SGR #3 | 3 | | |
| ECE 241 | Child Development II: 3-8 Years | *Must be taken prior to admission to Teacher Education | 3 | | |
| ENGL 240 | Juvenile Literature | SGR #4 | 3 | | |
| SGR #1 | Written Communication | SGR #1 | 3 | | |
| SPED 100 | Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities | | 3 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 15 | | |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 340 | Adolescent Development in Education Contexts | | 3 | | |
| EDFN 351 | Teaching and Learning I | *Must be taken prior to admission to Teacher Education | 1 | | |
| EHS 319 | Life, Love, and Money | | 2 | S/SU | |
| MATH 245 | Mathematics for Primary Grades I | p. MATH 103 or MATH 114 or MATH 115 or MATH 120 or MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 125 or STAT 281 | 3 | S | |
| PE 360/L | K-8 Physical Education Methods and Lab | | 3 | | |
| PHYS 216/L | Physical Science for Early Childhood and Lab | | 3 | | |
| | *Apply to Teacher Education - Take Praxis Core exam, 2.5 cumulative GPA, March 15 deadline* | **Total Credit Hours** | 15 | | |

## THIRD YEAR

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ECE 470 | Early Childhood Inclusion Strategies | | 3 | | |
| ECE/ELED 471 | Foundations of Reading | | 3 | | |

**Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.**

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 461 | Cultural and Psychological Perspectives in the Acquisition of English as a Second Language | | 3 | | |
| ELED 230 | Assessment and Classroom Management | | 2 | | |
| ELED 310 | K-8 Methods of Music, Art and Drama | | 2 | | |
| ELED 440 | K-8 Language Arts Methods | | 3 | | |
| | ***See Academic Requirements** | **Total Credit Hours** | 16 | | |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ECE 360 | Play and Inquiry | | 3 | | |
| ELED 320 | K-8 Science Methods | | 3 | | |
| ELED 360 | K-8 Social Science Methods | | 3 | | |
| ELED 466 | P-12 ELL Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment | | 3 | | |
| ELED 495 | Practicum | | 2 | | |
| MATH 345 | Mathematics for Primary Grades II | p. MATH 103 or MATH 114 or MATH 120 or MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 125 or STAT 281 | 3 | | |
| | ***Take Praxis ELED Content Exams** | **Total Credit Hours** | 17 | | |

## FOURTH YEAR

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 453/L | Teaching and Learning III and Lab | | 7 | | |
| ELED 330 | K-8 Mathematics Methods | | 3 | | |
| ELED 450 | K-8 Reading Methods | | 3 | | |
| Elective | | | 2 | | |
| | ***Take Praxis PLT Exam** | **Total Credit Hours** | 15 | | |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 454 | Teaching and Learning IV: Student Teaching | | 11 | | |
| EDFN 456 | Capstone/Action Research | | 1 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 12 | | |

## COMMENTS/NOTES

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

**Academic Requirements**

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, ELED, ECE, PE, or SPED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.

**Teacher Education Program Progression Requirements**

**Acceptance into Teacher Education**

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, ELED, ECE, PE, or SPED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA in the academic major of 2.6 is required.
- Completion of program application and professional licensure location form.

**Acceptance into Residency I**

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, ELED, ECE, PE, or SPED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis content exam.
- The teacher candidate is also required to complete a criminal background check with field placements, a TB test with negative reading, and CPR and first aid certification.

**Acceptance into Residency II**

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, ELED, ECE, PE, or SPED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis PLT exam.