



# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

## **Bachelor of Science in Education: Elementary Education Pre K-4**

## **Bachelor of Science in Education: Elementary Education 4-8**

**With Concentrations in:** 1) Math and Science, 2) Math and English/Language Art and Reading, 3) Math and Social Studies, 4) Science, English/Language Art and Reading, 5) Science and Social Studies

Our future is in the children - which is why it's so important to nurture, educate and guide them in life. Elementary education teachers have a dramatic impact and role in the life of children. The Department of Elementary Education program prepares teacher candidates for all the challenges involved in educating today's young minds through general and specialized course curricula.

### **Career types associated with Elementary Education**

Social - "Helper"

Enterprising - "Persuader"

Artistic - "Creator"

### **Related skills, values, and qualities**

- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate ideas, facts and abstract concepts to others
- Ability to interact with people of diverse backgrounds and personalities
- Desire and ability to work with children and youth
- Enthusiasm for teaching
- Sense of humor and friendly attitude
- Ability to organize, maintain records and meet deadlines
- Ability to use and incorporate technology into teaching
- Ability to make decisions, solve problems and remain calm in stressful situations
- Ability to adjust to close public scrutiny & criticism

### **Courses Elementary Education majors enjoy**

- Psychology
- Public Speaking
- English
- Interpersonal Communications
- Child Development
- Sociology
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math

### **Common interests of Elementary Edu. majors:**

- Working part-time or as a volunteer in a preschool, nursery, elementary, or middle school
- Playing team sports or participating in community service organizations
- Serving as a religious school, children's church or vacation Bible school teacher
- Attending lectures, workshops, or conventions related to education
- Helping to organize and plan social events
- Working part-time or as a volunteer peer/camp counselor, tutor, 4-H leader or scout leader

### **For more information about the major:**

Contact the Elementary, Middle Level, Library and Technologies Education Department  
201 Beekey, 610-683-4262

### **KU Majors related to Elementary Education:**

Middle level Education, Special Education, Library Science, Art Education, Music Education

El Ed students may also be interested in:

Advertising \*, Cinema, Television and Media Production, Economics \*, English, German Studies, History, Human Resource Mgt. (cert), International Studies \*, Literature \*, Marketing, Multicultural Studies \*, PA German Studies \*, Philosophy/Religious Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Relations \*, Secondary Education, Spanish, Sport Administration, Social Work, Sociology, Speech Communication, Women's Studies \*, Writing\* \* minor only

# FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

EXPLORE

DISCOVER

EXPERIENCE

IMPLEMENT

1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Exploration Certificate.
- Attend info sessions to learn about career development and personal branding.
- Take a career assessment to identify and confirm interests.
- Get involved in campus clubs and organizations.
- Develop basic workplace skills through jobs or volunteer work.
- Talk with professors, family, and friends about career ideas.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals working in fields of interest.
- Develop a relationship with your professors and faculty advisor.

2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR

- Meet with CDC career coach.
- Attend info sessions to learn about resume writing, and externships.
- Confirm your choice of major and consider options for double major or minor.
- Research careers of interest.
- Complete a job shadowing (externship) experience.
- Seek meaningful employment or volunteer work in a field related to your major.
- Explore options for undergraduate research and study abroad.
- Write a resume and have it reviewed by the CDC.
- Manage your online presence.

3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR

- Enroll in the Career Success Certificate.
- Complete an internship and/or undergraduate research.
- Attend info sessions about internships, interviewing, job search strategies, and grad school.
- Build a LinkedIn profile and continue to monitor your online presence.
- Complete a mock interview.
- Build skills through research projects, part-time employment, and volunteer work.
- Participate in Careers Cafe & networking programs.
- Attend internship & job fairs.
- Take on a leadership role in a student organization or work.
- Consider graduate school options and prepare for admissions tests.

4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

- Attend your senior kick-off and other info sessions to prepare for job search/grad school.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Create cover letter drafts.
- Gain experience through internships and/or undergraduate research.
- Secure references for job/grad school applications.
- Create your "30 second" commercial.
- Meet with CDC to develop job search strategies.
- Research employers.
- Network with professionals through events and social media.
- Join a professional organization in your discipline.
- Attend the senior etiquette dinner.
- Participate in job fairs and on-campus interviewing.

## Sample Career Titles

Elementary Education majors can be found working in a wide variety of career fields. Here are just some career titles that may be of interest. Please note that some jobs may require further education and training.

- Adult Education Teacher
- Adventure/Outdoor Edu. Teacher
- Alumni Relations Coordinator
- Assistant Principal
- Athletic Coach/Director
- Business Education Teacher
- Child Life Specialist
- College President
- College Professor/Dean
- Community/Public Svc. Administrator
- Counselor
- Day Care Administrator
- Director of Guidance
- Education and Training Administrator
- Education Management Specialist
- Educational Administrator
- Education Consultant
- Educational Resource Coordinator
- Educational Materials Sales
- Educational Researcher
- Educational Therapist
- Elementary School Teacher
- Employee Training Instructor
- Grant Writer
- Guidance Counselor
- Historic Site Administrator
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Librarian
- Library Consultant
- Missionary Worker
- Peace Corps/VISTA Volunteer
- Personnel Director
- Preschool Administrator
- Preschool Teacher
- Principal
- Registrar
- Resource Teacher
- Religious Education Teacher
- Religious Education Coordinator
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- School Superintendent
- Secondary School Teacher
- Social Services Volunteer
- Special Education Administrator
- Special Education Teacher
- Speech Pathologist
- Student Admissions Administrator
- Student Affairs Administrator
- Tutor
- Curriculum Specialist
- Textbook Writer
- Training Specialist
- Tutor
- Vocational Rehab Counselor
- Vocational/Technical Teacher

To learn more about these careers, visit <http://online.onetcenter.org> or [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco).

## Common Internship Sites and Employers

Elementary Education majors often find internships and employment in the following fields/industries:

- Business and Industry
- Camps
- Public and Private Schools
- Churches
- Colleges and Universities
- Youth Services
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Community Centers/Non Profits
- Educational Publishers
- Child Care Agencies
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- State and Federal Government

# Handshake

Handshake is the primary online resource for preparing and connecting students and alumni with employers. [www.kutztown.edu/handshake](http://www.kutztown.edu/handshake)

## Useful Websites for Elementary Education Majors:

Whether you are researching related career fields, applying for internships or jobs, or planning to join a professional association, these websites are for you!

### Industry/Employment Information

O\*NET OnLine  
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook.  
[www.bls.gov/oooh](http://www.bls.gov/oooh)

PA Department of Education  
[www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)

NJ Department of Education  
[www.state.nj.us/education](http://www.state.nj.us/education)

Education Week  
[www.edweek.org](http://www.edweek.org)

LinkedIn Jobs  
[www.linkedin.com/jobs](http://www.linkedin.com/jobs)

### Job/Internship Search Boards

PA-REAP  
[www.pareap.net](http://www.pareap.net)

PA-Educator.net  
[www.pa-educator.net](http://www.pa-educator.net)

Teachers-Teachers  
[www.teachers-teachers.com](http://www.teachers-teachers.com)

Southern Teacher's Agency  
[www.southernteachers.com](http://www.southernteachers.com)

K-12jobs.com  
[www.k12jobs.com](http://www.k12jobs.com)

Education Job Page  
[www.nationjob.com/education](http://www.nationjob.com/education)

School Spring  
[www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com)

US-REAP  
[www.reap.net](http://www.reap.net)

Pennsylvania State School Boards  
Assoc.  
[www.PSBA.org](http://www.PSBA.org)

### Professional Associations

PA School Board Association  
[www.psba.org](http://www.psba.org)

American Federation of Teachers  
[www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org)

PA State Education Association  
[www.psea.org](http://www.psea.org)

National Education Association  
[www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

National Association for the Education  
of Young Children  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

Teachers of English to Speakers  
of Other Languages  
[www.tesol.org](http://www.tesol.org)

Association of Childhood Education  
International  
[www.acei.org](http://www.acei.org)

## Building Your Resume for a Career in Elementary Education

Building a strong resume for your career field starts long before you ever start your job search. Employers want to hire graduates who not only have the necessary educational background but also have experience applying that knowledge to real life situations.

### Elle Education

eeduca000@live.kutztown.edu, [www.linkedin.com/in/elle](http://www.linkedin.com/in/elle), 555-555-5555

#### PROFILE

Interested in working at an Elementary school to teach science.

#### CERTIFICATION

Elementary Education - Science & Social Studies 4-8

#### EDUCATION

B.S.Ed. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
Major: Elementary Education/Science and Social Studies Grades 4-8  
Minor: Psychology  
GPA: 3.82  
Dean's List  
Kutztown, PA  
May 20xx  
Fall 20xx-Spring 20xx

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reading School District, 10<sup>th</sup> & Penn Elementary  
Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience  
Reading, PA  
Nov 20xx-Present

- Teach in sixth-grade social science and natural science groups
- Coordinate Marine Science Fair for students to display projects

Boyertown Area School District, New Hanover-Upper Frederick Elementary  
Teacher Candidate, Clinical Experience  
Boyertown, PA  
Sept-Oct 20xx

- Co-taught in a fourth grade classroom of 16 ELL's using Live Action English Interactive software
- Participated in leading a fifth-grade science project focusing on photosynthesis

Southern Lehigh School District, Liberati Intermediate School  
Professional Semester Student  
Center Valley, PA  
Feb-Mar 20xx

- Taught eighth-grade U.S. history classes
- Implemented special lesson plans for National Black History Month
- Assisted in coaching of girls basketball

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

Fleetwood Area School District, Richmond Elementary  
Math Tutor  
Fleetwood, PA  
Aug-Dec 20xx

- Tutored students in grades 3-5 on current math lessons and homework

Northwest Children's Centre, Inc.  
Teacher's Aide  
New Tripoli, PA  
Jan 20xx-Aug 20xx

- Assisted teachers in coordination of daily activities for twelve five-year-olds
- Created and implemented developmentally appropriate activities, both indoors and outdoors

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA)  
Vice President  
20xx-Present  
Fall 20xx-Spring 20xx  
March 20xx  
Spring 20xx  
Fall 20xx

- Attended PSEA State Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

Career Success Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center  
Career Exploration Certificate, Kutztown University Career Development Center

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas Roadhouse  
Server/Hostess  
Trexlerstown, PA  
Sept 20xx-Present

- Train new employees by reviewing restaurant procedures and proper customer service techniques
- Resolve customer issues and maintain a clean and safe environment

Take note of the skills and knowledge obtained through your educational background and hands-on experiences. Highlight transferable skills such as time management, organization and rapport building.

Learn more about your field and develop the necessary skills for employment by gaining hands-on experience through clinical practice and related work or volunteer experience.

Develop professionally through campus involvement and professional memberships. This illustrates responsibility, leadership abilities and time management skills.

