



## Education Specialist Degree – Elementary Education (Reference #118)

### Admission Requirements:

1. Must meet the minimum admission requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies.
2. Must have three years of teaching experience at the appropriate level. Up to two years of experience may be waived in favor of equivalent experience.
3. Must submit four letters of recommendation: Two from graduate faculty members and two from professional associates in administrative and/or supervisory roles.

### Professional Education Component—30 hours

#### **Professional Education Courses – 9 hrs**

- \_\_\_ EDU 601 – 1 hr
- \_\_\_ ELED 603 – 3 hrs
- \_\_\_ EDU 604 – 3 hrs
- \_\_\_ EDU 698 – 2 hrs

#### **Related Professional Education Courses – 9 hrs**

- \_\_\_ EXED 516 or an approved elective may be substituted if an Exceptional Education course is on the student’s graduate or undergraduate transcript.
- \_\_\_ Approved Elective (Name \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ ELED 699

#### **Related Non-Professional Education Courses – 12 hrs (Advisor approved graduate level, subject-related course work)**

- \_\_\_ Approved Elective (Name \_\_\_\_\_)
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### Emphases or Specializations

In place of “related non-professional education” and elective “related professional education courses,” students may substitute course work for endorsements in English as a Second Language, Gifted and Talented Education, Environmental Education, Educational Technology or other approved endorsements.

- \_\_\_ Course One (Name \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ Course Two (Name \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ Course Three (Name \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ Course Four (Name \_\_\_\_\_)

*Note: There is a limit of 6 hours of workshop and independent study credit that can be used on a Specialist Degree program. Only 3 of those 6 hours can be one credit hour courses. A total of 24 hours non-professional education courses are required for MAE and the Specialist Degree combined.*

### Program Completion Requirements:

1. Candidates must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
2. Candidates must pass the education specialist project.
3. Candidates must successfully complete a portfolio based on Kentucky Teacher Standards.

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Candidate’s Name (printed)

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Candidate’s Signature/Date

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Education Advisor’s Signature/Date

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Specialization Advisor’s Signature/Date