



# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

FPU BRINGS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE TO THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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“FPU’s elementary education curriculum is designed to give teacher candidates exposure to endless scenarios within schools through coursework, observations, and student teaching. Most importantly, those have translated into important skills and experiences for my personal development. Directly through my program, I was able to tutor on campus for 4 years, have engaging lesson and unit plans ready for student teaching, interview members of the NH DOE, and develop key relationships across local school districts. The faculty and staff were also incredibly accommodating of my unique circumstances from transfer credits and athletics; their guidance was key to my experience and I look forward to using that throughout my career.”

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Franklin Pierce University  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If you want to have an impact on young children as they begin their journey through school, an Elementary Education major may be for you. You’ll learn how to create a nurturing classroom, provide consistent guidance, and instill a love of learning to last a lifetime. With a deep understanding of child development, you’ll develop skills to successfully create a learning environment that works for each child. Through classroom observation and student teaching, you’ll be prepared for certification in a career that promises opportunity and meaningful reward.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

You will study core concepts in instructional strategy, while learning to integrate technology and build inclusive learning environments. You will master methods of assessment to guide your teaching and develop an ethical understanding of a teacher’s responsibility to children, parents, and the larger community.



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## COURSES

### FIRST YEAR

ED105	Educational Psychology
ED112	Teaching and Learning in a Democratic Society
EN204	American Literature
GLE101	First Year Inquiry Seminar
GLE110	First Year Composition
HS202	American History in the Age of Slavery and the Civil War
HS204	U.S. History Since 1945
MT130	Math for K-8 Education
MT151	College Algebra
-----	3 Additional Electives*

### SECOND YEAR

ED224	Design and Management of the Learning Environment
ED231	Primary Literacy
ED263	Methods in Teaching Mathematics
ED312	Understanding and Teaching Exceptional Learners
ED316	Methods in Teaching Social Studies
GLE230	Second Year Composition
PO201	US Government
-----	2 Additional Electives*

### THIRD YEAR

ED308	Introduction to Assessment
ED314	Scientific Inquiry and Teaching Methods
ED350	Teaching Literacy Across the Curriculum
EN232	Teaching of Writing
HS308	From Sea to Shining Sea: The Geography of the United States
HS319	History of New England
-----	2 Electives and Research Seminar

### FOURTH YEAR

ED483	Elementary Student Teaching Seminar
ED490	Elementary Student Teaching
-----	4 Additional Electives*

\*Please refer to the Academic Catalog for full listing of elective options

## WHO SHOULD MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION?

You'll find this major a good fit if you have or want to develop:

- Ability to engage people of varying ages, personalities, and abilities
- High level of energy, physical fitness and stamina
- Strong listening, problem-solving and team-building skills
- Exceptional organization and time management skills
- Calm, patient demeanor in stressful situations

## STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

You can gain valuable experience through opportunities at Franklin Pierce to:

- Create a portfolio of classroom projects to meet certification requirements
- Participate in Residential Life programming as a mentor, advisor or activity planner
- Participate in Education Club for skill building, test preparation, and community service
- Participate in Pi Lambda Theta, National Education Honor Society
- Prepare for one of our Master of Education programs with four areas of concentration, including Curriculum Instruction and Special Education

Your fieldwork and teaching capstone may take you to New Hampshire or Massachusetts through partnerships with local schools. Students participate in 100+ hours of field experience within the K-12 public school setting, beginning in the sophomore year.

## WHERE CAN MY MAJOR TAKE ME

With your degree, you can pursue jobs or further education for careers as diverse as:

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| Admissions Counselor      | Librarian                |
| Camp Director             | Media Specialist         |
| Curriculum Specialist     | Museum Educator          |
| Educational Consultant    | Peace Corps Volunteer    |
| Elementary School Teacher | Researcher               |
| Environmental Educator    | School Administrator     |
| Grant Writer              | Study Abroad Coordinator |
| Head Start Coordinator    | Textbook Writer/Editor   |
| Journalist                | Tutor                    |