# EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST (Grades 1-6)



## **Education department**

GENERAL EDUCATION 38 – 47 hrs

The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

#### LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE

37 - 51 hrs

It is recommended that students seeking this certification choose a major that has similar course requirements in the degree. Your academic advisor can help you with your choice of major.

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)
\*Please note: certification will be Elementary Education, not content area certification

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK 78 hi

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	CDEV 106	Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety	3	none
	SOCI 270	Diversity and Society	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 202	Foundations of Elementary Mathematics	3	none
	EDUC 220	Methods of Teaching English Learners	3	none
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 280	Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy	3	none
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	Choose option	EDUC 396 – Child and Adolescent Development; or EDUC 391 – Child Psychology and EDUC 392 – Adolescent Psychology	3	none
		Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)		
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 331	Teaching of Reading	3	15 hrs
	CDEV 335	Teaching Creative Arts and Movement to Children	3	none
	EDUC 337	Teaching Language Arts in Middle and Elementary Schools	3	none
	EDUC 338	Content Reading and Writing	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 352	Teaching Science to Elementary Children	3	none
	EDUC 354	Teaching Social Studies to Elementary Children	3	none

[The College reserves the right to alter at any time requirements to meet state certification regulations.]

	EDUC 358	Teaching Math in the Elementary School	3	15 hrs		
	EDUC 380	Diagnostic and Corrective Reading	3	none		
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	none		
Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching Checklist)						
		Teaching Checklist)				
	EDUC 425	Teaching Checklist) Undergraduate Student Teaching	12	16 weeks		
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Approval for DESE certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)

#### **Retention Criteria:**

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and college supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and GPA of 2.5 or above in content area courses

### Other requirements for certification that must be completed prior to graduation:

- Successful completion/passing of appropriate content assessment (must be passed prior to student teaching)
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment MEES

\*This is not a degree checklist Rev. 8/2025