

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST  
ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION  
(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.)

*The following courses are highly recommended in order to pass each section of the MoGEA (Missouri General Education Assessment) and the Elementary Education Multi-Content Assessment:*

- MATH 150 – College Algebra
- MUSI 122 – Music Appreciation or ARTS 105 – Art Appreciation or ARTS 111 – Art and Ideas I or ARTS 112 – Art and Ideas II
- PSYC 101 – General Psychology
- ECON 293 – Macroeconomics
- GEOG 101 – Intro to Geography

*In order to complete the requirements set forth by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the following course must be included in your general education coursework:*

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs
	MATH 102	Math for Elementary Teachers	3

**LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE**

**37 – 51 hrs**

Elementary Education majors may choose from the following recommended degree areas.

- BA – American Studies
- BA – Art
- BS – Art
- BA – English
- BS – Environmental Science
- BA – History
- BS – Mathematics
- BA – Psychology
- BA – Sociology

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**

**77 hrs**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Minority Cultures and Relations	3	none
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education (formerly EDUC 102/103)	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 198	Field Experience I*	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 105	Human Health	3	none
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	none
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	none
	EDUC 270	Literature for Children and Adolescents	3	none
	EDUC 280	Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy	3	none
	EDUC 298	Field Experience II*	1	15 hrs
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs

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	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	none
	EDUC 391	Child Psychology	3	none
<b>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</b>				
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement and Assessment	3	none
	EDUC 331	Teaching of Reading	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 335	Teaching Creative Arts and Movement to Children	3	none
	EDUC 337	Teaching Language Arts in Middle and Elementary Schools	3	none
	EDUC 338	Teaching Reading in the Content Areas & Secondary Schools	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 352	Teaching Science to Elementary Children	3	none
	EDUC 354	Teaching Social Studies to Elementary Children	3	none
	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
<b>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching Checklist)</b>				
	EDUC 420	Student Teaching in the Elementary Schools**	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	77	
<b>Approval for DESE certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)</b>				

\*If EDUC 200 and 230 were taken previously with field experience (Aug 2010 – July 2013), EDUC 198 and 298 are not required.

\*\*Evening Campus students must transfer to the Day Program in order to enroll in student teaching.

**NOTE: To take any course listed with a field experience component, submit application forms by the deadline (semester BEFORE desired enrollment). See Education Office for deadline information.**

**Retention Criteria:**

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and faculty supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above after acceptance to the program
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

\*This is not a degree checklist  
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