Immerse yourself in teaching and prepare for a rewarding career educating children ages 6-14.

Educators play a critical role in shaping our future. With a B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education from UND, you will be prepared to teach students in diverse learning environments.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Major
Format: On-campus or online
Est. time to complete: 4 years
Credit hours: 125

Why Study Elementary Education at UND?

Teaching students is one of the most fulfilling careers. With a B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education from UND, you will be eligible to pursue teaching licensure — and make your mark on the future.

As a teacher candidate at UND, you'll study current curriculum, digital technologies, student-centered pedagogies, differentiated instruction and assessment. Multiple field experiences will provide you with additional opportunities for authentic teaching and learning. We also offer the opportunity to student teach anywhere in the United States or abroad.

As the most comprehensive teacher education program in the region, UND offers a wide range of minors and specialty area concentrations to complement your elementary education degree.

Earn additional teaching credentials through minors in:

- Early Childhood Education
- English Language Learner/Bilingual Education
- Kindergarten Endorsement
- Literacy Education
- Middle School Education
- Special Education

Graduates of the Elementary Education program are well prepared to work with diverse students and within diverse school settings. You will have the confidence, knowledge, skills and dispositions to provide innovative teaching and learning strategies with best practices in curriculum, instruction, digital technology, and assessment.

Accredited Elementary Education Degree

All Teacher Education programs at UND are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and are approved by the North Dakota Educational Standards and Practices Board.

Priority Application Deadlines

FALL: FEB. 1* (FRESHMEN) | APRIL 15* (TRANSFER STUDENTS)
SPRING: DEC. 1
SUMMER: APRIL 1
*academic scholarship priority deadline

Elementary Education Highlights

- Work directly with students in diverse schools and communities.
- Develop and teach lessons in authentic learning environments.
- Learn and teach with innovative and interactive digital technologies.
- Gain insight by presenting and reviewing practice lessons with your peers.
- Lead a classroom of your choice as a student teacher.
- Spend a semester abroad taking elementary education courses and learning about international education.

Elementary Education Outlook

93%  UND Elementary Education graduates employed or pursuing graduate degrees*

56K  Median salary for elementary school teachers

*UND Office of Institutional Research

The outlook is promising for jobs in education. There is a teacher shortage across our region and a great need for high-quality elementary teachers in the nation.

With a B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education from UND, you'll be on your way to a rewarding career in education. For example:

- Classroom Teacher
- Education Specialist
- School Principal
- School Counselor
- Instructional Coach