Be in demand and earn skills in elementary and reading education in the most efficient way possible.

With the Elementary Education (Accelerated B.S.Ed./M.S. in Reading Education) program, you'll be prepared to teach students in diverse learning environments, gain expertise in literacy education and be prepared to implement instructional practice and assessment.

Program Snapshot
Program type: Combined (Major and Master's)
Format: Online
Est. time to complete: 3 years
Credit hours: 80

Why Study Elementary and Reading Education Online at UND?

Teaching students is one of the most fulfilling careers. With an accelerated Elementary Education degree from UND, you'll leave UND with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Reading Education.

As a elementary education teacher candidate at UND, you'll study curriculum, differentiated instruction, assessment, digital technologies, and student-centered pedagogies. Multiple field experiences will provide you with additional opportunities for practical application in real teaching and learning environments.

Graduate students moving into the Reading Education Program develop advanced skills to offer specialized reading support for children and gain a deeper understanding of literacy development, curriculum planning, data literacy, and assessment methods.

As a graduate from UND you will be eligible to earn teacher licensure in elementary education and will also be qualified to serve in a specialized literacy position. You'll have the confidence, knowledge, and skills to provide innovative teaching and learning strategies in 1st-8th grade classrooms. You will also be prepared for specialized careers as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, literacy coach, or curriculum developer.

Accreditation by CAEP

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.

Undergraduate Application Deadlines

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

Students seeking the accelerated degree may apply to the School of Graduate Studies after completing 60 credits.

Graduate Application Deadlines
Elementary Education Overview

- Learn and teach with innovative and interactive digital technologies.
- Work directly with students in diverse schools and communities.
- Course work enhances your ability to conduct and analyze assessments, and plan using appropriate instructional practices for all learners including those with diverse needs.
- Literacy leadership course targets roles and responsibilities of literacy coaches and/or reading specialists.

Elementary Education Careers

**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 teachers in the nation.

With an accelerated degree 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

When You Earn a degree in Elementary Education

An Elementary Education degree gives you the strategic skills you need, including:

- Curriculum Development
- Lesson Planning
- Primary Education
- Differentiated Instruction
- Educational Technologies

UND Elementary Education Alumni

Elementary Education alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Grand Forks Public Schools
- Bismarck Public Schools
- West Fargo School District 6
- Fargo Public Schools