Elementary Education

The Elementary Education major is a 120 credit hour, teacher licensing preparation program that can be completed in 4 years with a minor or area of concentration. The goal of the program is to successfully prepare students for Indiana elementary education teacher licensure.

The Franklin College Education Department prides itself in preparing competent, caring decision-makers for Indiana elementary schools.

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- Upon completing the program and meeting Indiana teacher licensing requirements, one may apply for an Elementary Generalist, grades K-6 teaching license.
- Multiple classes and clinical field experiences focus on the exceptional learner in an inclusive elementary classroom setting.
- Current faculty bring over 260 years of P-12 experience to Franklin College.
- Over 1,000 Franklin College Education Department graduates are active P-12 teachers and administrators.
- Department faculty serve as advisors for all Franklin College Elementary Education candidates.
- Franklin College has a strong relationship with K-6 schools in the local area.
The Science of Reading has been the foundation of our Elementary Education reading instruction courses for over 20 years.

** BENEFITS **

** WHAT STUDENTS TAKE AWAY **

- Franklin College teaching candidates begin clinical field experiences in sophomore year.
- Extensive network of Franklin College Education Department graduates serves as mentors for Franklin College elementary education candidates.
- Teaching candidates complete 1,000 hours of clinical field experiences prior to graduation.
- 14:1 average candidate to faculty ratio in the education department
- 100% job placement rate for Franklin College Education Department graduates

** SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS: AWARDS, CONFERENCES AND EXPERIENCES **

- Indiana STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Teachers Recruitment Fund Grant from the Commission for Higher Education
- 21st century teaching skills:
  - Utilize live simulation teaching and technology through Teach Live!© program
  - Classroom training and experience in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
  - Training in collaborative teaching and learning tools such as Google Workspace for Education
  - Ability to earn STEM Essentials Certificate from the National Institute of STEM Education prior to graduation

** OTHER INFORMATION: **

- Clinical field experiences include engagement with exceptional learners in inclusive classrooms.
- An elementary education major must meet program admittance requirements prior to the start of junior level elementary education courses which include a demonstrated standardized proficiency in basic skills, 3.0 GPA, and a satisfactory performance on the Dispositions, Aptitudes and Proficiencies for Teaching assessment.

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** DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW **

- **Accreditation:** Franklin College’s Educator Preparation Programs and elementary licensing program are approved by the Indiana Department of Education.
- **Department contact information:** Read more about the program at [FranklinCollege.edu/education](http://FranklinCollege.edu/education) or contact Cynthia E. Prather, Director of Teacher Education and Teacher Licensing Advisor, at 317.738.8227 or [cprather@FranklinCollege.edu](mailto:cprather@FranklinCollege.edu).