

# Graduate Certificate: Early and Elementary Education

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## About the Certificate

Temple University's Graduate Certificate in Early and Elementary Education offers a streamlined, non-degree pathway to initial teacher certification for individuals who want to teach PreK-4 in Pennsylvania schools. Designed for those with a bachelor's degree who are seeking a career change or alternate route into teaching, this certificate provides the foundational knowledge and practical skills necessary to support the developmental needs of young learners.

**Time Limit for Certificate Completion:** 4 years

**Campus Location:** Main

**Full-Time/Part-Time Status:** The graduate certificate can be completed on a part-time basis.

**NOTE:** International students may not be eligible to apply for a student visa based on admission to the certificate program. Please contact the Office of Enrollment Management for more information.

## Admission Requirements and Deadlines

### Application Deadline:

*Fall:* March 1

*Spring:* November 1

*Summer II:* March 1

Applicants should submit all required admissions documents by the application deadline to receive priority consideration for admission and financial support.

*APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.*

### Letters of Reference:

*Number Required:* 2

*From Whom:* Letters of recommendation should be obtained to provide insight regarding the applicant's academic competence. References from college/university faculty are recommended.

**Coursework Required for Admission Consideration:** Significant coursework (i.e., the equivalent of a minor or better) and/or professional experience related to the intended certification area are preferred.

**Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline:** A bachelor's degree is required. A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is expected.

**Transcripts:** Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned must be submitted.

International applicants must also submit an official document, including a course-by-course evaluation conducted by a NACES-accredited organization, that validates completion and conferral of a degree, diploma and/or certificate. While not required, international applicants are encouraged to submit transcript(s) to World Education Services (WES) for evaluation.

**Statement of Goals:** In 500 to 1,000 words, outline your interest in seeking a master's degree with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire, your interests, and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program.

### Standardized Test Scores:

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53

**Resume:** Current resume required.

**Transfer Credit:** Courses may be transferred from an accredited institution provided they were completed less than five years ago and are relevant to the program. The academic advisor makes the decision about the relevancy of the courses that the student desires to transfer. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 6.

**Clearances:** All admitted students must submit copies of the required Pennsylvania criminal background check, FBI criminal history, Child Abuse check, and TB test to the College of Education and Human Development's Office of Field Placement prior to enrolling in their first term. These clearances are required by law prior to entering pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade classrooms to complete field experience requirements, starting with the first term and continuing throughout the program.

Pennsylvania clearances are not required for application completion. All new students who possess required Pennsylvania clearances more than one year old must submit updated clearances to the Office of Field Placement. Please note that obtaining these clearances may take up to six weeks. For instructions, please visit the Office of Field Placement's website at <https://education.temple.edu/ofp/clearances>.

## Certificate Requirements

*Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 22*

*Required Courses:*

Year 1			
Fall			Credit Hours
ECED 5109	Science Education for the Early Years: PreK to 4		3
ECED 5107	Mathematics Education for the Early Years: PreK-4		3
Credit Hours			6
Spring			
ECED 5108	Social Studies Education for the Early Years: PreK-4		3
ECED 5206	Literacy Foundations for the Primary Grades: First through Fourth		3
EDUC 5888	Supervised Teaching		4
Credit Hours			10
Summer			
SPED 5211	Effective Instruction for Students with Disabilities		3
TESL 5631	Foundations of Language Teaching: Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners		3
Credit Hours			6
Total Credit Hours			22

## Contacts

### Department Information:

### Dept. of Teaching and Learning:

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### Submission Address for Application Materials:

<https://apply.temple.edu/CEHD>

### Department Contacts:

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