Master’s Degree in Elementary Education (M.Ed.) with Endorsements/Concentration

This program offers a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education for teachers who wish to pursue advanced preparation in a specific content area at the elementary level through an Endorsement or Concentration. The Endorsements offered include Mathematics, Teacher Support and Coaching, Literacy, Science, and STEM. A Dual Language Immersion concentration is also an option. Students may enter the program any semester and complete the program at their own pace. The Mathematics and Science Endorsement courses require 1 year of teaching experience, and the Teacher Support and Coaching courses require 3 years of teaching experience. Other courses in the program may be completed before then. Interested students can complete the Endorsements without completing the Master’s Degree.

Questions about this program should be directed to Dr. Susan Swars Auslander, Program Coordinator, at sswars@gsu.edu.

Program Structure
• Program begins each semester with completion at an individualized pace
• 12 courses with 5 of these courses available to be completed online/alternative format
• Select one Endorsement/Concentration. Open Endorsements include: K-5 Mathematics, Teacher Support and Coaching, and Literacy. Open Concentration includes: Dual Language Immersion. Endorsements requiring a cohort of at least 10 teachers registering as a group include: K-5 Science and STEM.

How to Apply
The application deadlines are April 15 for Summer, July 1 for Fall, and October 15 for Spring.

- Applicants must meet minimum college admission criteria and meet certification requirements in Early Childhood Education
- Applicants must currently teach or work in an early childhood/elementary setting or be available to complete teaching assignments in an early childhood/elementary setting
- Interviews may be required
- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with a 2.75 GPA
- One letter of recommendation from a current supervisor
- Current Resume

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Program of Study (12 courses, 36 total semester hours)

A. Elementary Education Core Course Sequence (9 hours, continuous Fall/Spring)
   - ECE 7400 Curriculum in Early Childhood (Mathematics) (3)
   - ECE 7390 Curriculum in Early Childhood (Literacy) (3)
   - ECE 7410 Critical Issues (3)

   NOTE: Students MUST begin the sequence fall semester and complete as a cohort across fall/spring. The courses are held on Monday evenings.

B. Professional Studies (9 hours, sections offered online)
   Select One (3 hours):
   - EPSF 7100 Critical Pedagogy (3)
   - EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education (3)
   - EPSF 7120 Social and Cultural Foundations of Education (3)

   Select One (3 hours):
   - EPRS 7900 Methods of Research in Education (3)
   - EPRS 7910 Action Research (3)

   Select One (3 hours):
   - EPY 7080 The Psychology of Learning and Learners (3)
   - EPY 7090 The Psychology of Learning and Learners: The Young Child (3)

C. Endorsement/Concentration Courses (15 hours)
   - K-5 Mathematics Endorsement
   - Teacher Support and Coaching Endorsement
   - Literacy Endorsement
   - Dual Language Immersion Concentration
   - K-5 Science Endorsement (cohort-based)
   - STEM Endorsement (cohort-based)

D. Capstone (3 hours)
   - ECE 7800 Capstone Experience (3) (Completed the semester in which the student plans to graduate)

Helpful Links
Financial Aid Link
   http://sfs.gsu.edu/the-financial-aid-process/

Tuition and Fees Link
   http://sfs.gsu.edu/tuition-fees/what-it-costs/tuition-and-fees/

Application Link
   http://education.gsu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/

Questions
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