

## Elementary Education K-6

(Effective Fall 2025 for Students graduating Spring 2028 and later)

Bachelor of Science Degree

University of South Alabama – College of Education and Professional Studies - Department of Leadership and Teacher Education

<b><u>GENERAL EDUCATION (45 Hours)</u></b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b><i>Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)</i></b>		
*EH 101 English Composition I (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
*EH 102 English Composition II (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
<b><i>Area II - Humanities and Fine Arts (4 Courses, 12 Hours) (Sequence required in either English (EH) or History (HY))</i></b>		
*CA 110 Public Speaking (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
One course from EH 215, 216; 225, 226; 235, 236	_____	3
One course from: ARH 100, 103, 123; ARS 101; DRA 110; MUL 101	_____	3
One course from EH 215, 216; 225, 226; 235, 236 or advisor approved humanities & fine arts elective.	_____	3
<b><i>Area III - Natural Science &amp; Mathematics (4 Courses, 15 Hours)</i></b>		
One course from: MA 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125	_____	3
One course from (including lab): BLY 101, BLY 121	_____	4
Two courses from (including lab): BLY 102, 122; CH 101, 131, 132; GEO 101, 102; GY 111, 112; PH 101, 104, 114, 115, 201, 202	_____	4
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<b><i>Area IV - History, Social and Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours) (Sequence required in either English (EH) or History (HY))</i></b>		
<i>(Students will only receive credit for 2 history courses.)</i>		
One course from HY 101, 102; HY 121, 122; HY 135, 136	_____	3
Two courses from: AN 100, 101; ECO 215, 216; GEO 114, 115; PSC 130; PSY 120, 250; SY 109, 112	_____	3
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One course from: AN 100, 101; ECO 215, 216; GEO 114, 115; HY 101, 102, 121, 122, 135, 136; PSC 130; PSY 120, 250; SY 109, 112	_____	3
<b><i>General Electives (5 Hours)</i></b>		
Electives 100-499 (Recommended: EDU 100, 200)	_____	2
	_____	3
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (21 Hours)</u></b>		
*EDU 330 Foundations of Reading Instruction (W) (*Candidacy Prerequisite; Satisfies University Writing Requirement)	_____	3
*EDU 345 Field Experience (Requires Candidacy)	_____	2
*EDU 346 K-6 Education (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
*EPY 351 Human Growth and Development (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
<b>EDU 430 K-6 Internship (Requires Candidacy) (Students must apply for Student Teaching/Internship one semester in advance.)</b>	_____	10
<b><u>TEACHING FIELD (49 Hours)</u></b>		
*EDU 234 What it Means to Know and Do Mathematics (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
<b>EDU 300 Classroom Management I (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
*EDU 303 Field Experience SPE (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	1
*EDU 311 Partnerships in SPE (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
<b>EDU 312 Intellectual and Physical Disabilities (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
*EDU 313 Learning and Behavior Disorders (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
<b>EDU 331 Teaching Reading (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 332 Teaching Language Arts (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 336 Teaching Social Studies (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 337 Teaching Science (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 338 STEAM Education (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
*EDU 344 Constructing Mathematical Knowledge through Social Interactions (*Candidacy Prerequisite)	_____	3
<b>EDU 355 K-6 Practicum (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 362 Behavior Management (Requires Candidacy)</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 364 Planning Mathematics Instruction that Engages All Learners</b>	_____	3
<b>EDU 384 Planning Mathematics Instruction Informed by Student Data</b>	_____	3
RED 333 Literature for Children (W) (Satisfies University Writing Requirement)	_____	3
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>TEST REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Test Requirements for K6 Teacher Education: PRAXIS Elementary MS, (Successful completion of Science & Social Studies is required for Block III); Foundations of Reading (Required for Block 4: Internship); Foundations of Mathematics and EdTPA (Required for Graduation and Certification)		

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### Test Requirement Info

- Praxis test requirements are subject to change as dictated by the ALSDE. Prior to registering for any Praxis exam, please verify current requirements by going directly to the ALABAMA portion of the Praxis website at <https://praxis.ets.org/state-requirements/alabama-tests.html>.
- Foundations of Reading exam information may be found at [www.al.nesinc.com](http://www.al.nesinc.com)
- Foundations of Mathematics exam TBA

### University and College Requirements

- **Writing Requirement** – The University requires that a candidate for graduation must have completed two designated writing credit courses at USA, with at least one course chosen from offerings in the candidate's major or minor. Courses meeting this requirement are designated with a (W) after the course title in the "Courses" section of the University Bulletin. Individuals who transfer in credit to substitute for a course(s) designated as a (W) course must meet the writing requirement by taking a (W) course(s) at USA.
- **Transient Approval** – Students must have prior approval (obtained in the Advising Center) to enroll as a transient student at another institution. A maximum of 60 semester hours (or 50% of total hours required for the program) may be accepted from a two-year institution.
- **Residency Requirement** – A candidate for graduation must complete a minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree through instruction offered by the University of South Alabama in upper-division course work (300 and 400 levels).
- **Experiential Learning Cloud**–The College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) uses a student portfolio as part of program requirements and student learning outcomes. Students majoring in CEPS are required to purchase the license to use Experiential Learning Cloud beginning with the first CEPS course taken (which contains teacher education standards) and continue to use the software throughout their program of study.

### Teacher Candidacy Admission Requirements for ELEMENTARY-EDK6 Majors in Leadership and Teacher Education

#### Hours:

- 60 program hours. A minimum of 12 semester hours must be taken at USA.

#### GPA Requirements:

- 2.50 Minimum Overall GPA (All work attempted at USA.) (2.50 Minimum Overall GPA required for graduation/certification.)
- 2.50 Minimum Program GPA (All courses used on this Advising Sheet, including transfer work.)
- 2.50 Minimum Professional Studies GPA (All courses used in the Professional Studies area)
- 2.50 Minimum Teaching Field GPA (All courses used in the Teaching Field)
- No grade below "C" will be accepted in the 3 x 12, the Professional Studies or Teaching Field courses.
- D, F or U grades earned in Candidacy courses will result in removal from Candidacy.

#### Course Requirements:

- Completion of the following courses are required of K-6 Elementary students with a grade of C or better.
- CA 110, EH 101, EH 102, EDU 234, EDU 303, EDU 311, EDU 313, EDU 330, EDU 344, EDU 346, and EPY 351

#### Other requirements:

- Proof of clear ALSDE background check and professional liability insurance.
- Completion of a satisfactory departmental interview with your assigned advisor.
- Sufficient physical ability and emotional stability to perform as a teacher.

#### Application/Admission Information:

- Candidacy applications are required one semester prior to enrolling in classes that require Candidacy. The intent is for students to apply for Candidacy AND meet with their advisor prior to registration to enable appropriate planning decisions for upcoming semesters.
- Students approaching eligibility will receive a link to the online application in their JagMail.
- After final grades are posted and all requirements are verified as met, the Office of Student Services will notify students by JagMail when they are admitted to Candidacy. Students will then be able to register for Candidacy courses.

### Additional Information

#### **Add-On Certification available for K6 Teacher Education Majors:**

- **CT K-6 Add-on Certificate** – No additional coursework required. PRAXIS Test Requirements: Subject Area-Special Ed (Required for certification)

#### **Teacher Candidacy Course Enrollment:**

- Courses in Teacher Candidacy for Elementary Education are grouped into three consecutive semesters – Block 2, Block 3, and Block 4
- The Graduation Plan in the Bulletin details the specific courses in each Block that must be taken together. All courses listed in a single Block must be completed in the same semester.