Degree Requirements

This major is designed to prepare you to become an elementary teacher. However, you will also gain valuable and highly transferable skills for many different career paths including positions at boards of education, consulting firms, test preparation companies, adoption agencies, and educational publishers.

Graduates from our elementary education programs are justice-seeking people, educators, and leaders. Deeply engaged with children, communities, colleagues, and the field of education, our students allow themselves to be vulnerable by repositioning challenges as new opportunities to learn. We constantly question and seek greater understanding and alternative approaches in the classroom. We are part of a growing movement that disrupts the status quo in public education as we build a just future together.

This program is a four-year baccalaureate degree that will prepare you to earn your teaching license after your fifth year of study in the M.Ed. program. You will earn your teaching license after completing the one-year, graduate-level M.Ed. program in elementary education.

Visit teach.umn.edu for a comprehensive overview of teacher education at the University of Minnesota and the industry-driven method we use to educate and train future leaders in the teaching field.

Meet Our Students
"One thing that I love about the elementary education program here is the amount of time you get to spend in an elementary classroom. I have been in either a service-learning course or a teaching practicum for every semester that I've been in the program thus far. It's been great real-world experience."

Gretchen Glewwe, B.S. 2020

**Study Abroad Options**

“Cultural competence has become a critical component to enhance a teacher's ability to connect with their students.”

—Tom Pederstuen, Director of Human Resources, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District

Learn more about study abroad options at [http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/maps/cehd/elementary](http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/maps/cehd/elementary).

You might also explore

- [Teaching English as a Second Language Minor](#)
- [Early Childhood](#)
- [Human Resource Development](#)
- [Special Education](#)
- [Child Psychology](#)
Youth Studies
Racial Justice in Urban Schooling Minor

Associated Careers

Elementary school teacher, Adoption Agencies, Boards of Education, Curriculum Coordinator, Educational Policymaker, Test Preparation Companies, Youth Advocate