



**“A teacher
affects eternity:
he can never
tell where his
influence stops.”**
-Henry Adams, American historian

No job is more challenging, rewarding, or important than teaching small children. As an elementary educator, you'll help shape the character—and future—of every child in your classroom. It's a big responsibility. Our elementary education program will prepare you to succeed.

For more than a century, Northern Arizona University has produced leaders for America's schools—we were founded in 1899 as a teacher-training college. Our graduates have a 98 percent pass rate on the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment exam. The College of Education is technologically advanced, culturally responsive, and student-focused. Our small class sizes guarantee that you will receive lots of individual attention. You'll also do plenty of classroom teaching.

Develop your specialty by completing the required 18-unit content emphasis track. We offer more than 20 emphases from various academic departments. Instead of a content emphasis, you may opt for the Early Childhood Certificate, which leads to a state early childhood endorsement in addition to your elementary teaching certificate.

“I came here for the education program, knowing its quality and how it could better me. The faculty members within the college have been genuinely interested in my progress from day one, caring about what I want to do and how they can help me get there. I also love the town of Flagstaff, the outdoors, the snowboarding, and the awesome weather.”

Steven Evans, Class of 2008

Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Science in Education: Elementary Education**
- **Bachelor of Science in Education: Special and Elementary Education (Dual Major)**

Degree emphases:

Anthropology	Health and physical education
Bilingual and multicultural education	History
Career and technical education	Individualized study
Earth science	Mathematics
English and language arts	Multicultural education
English as a second language	Navajo culture
Environmental sciences	Navajo language
French	Psychology
Geography	Sociology
General science	Special education
German	Speech
	Theater

Career Opportunities

Begin a career in . . .

- Bilingual and multicultural education
- Early childhood education
- Special education
- Technology education
- Physical education and school health

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Teaching the third 'R'

Basic math skills—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—are essential tools in modern life. But math is a foreign language for the youngest kids and can be difficult for many. **Mathematics in the Elementary School** will show you the most effective ways to teach math at the elementary and junior high school levels and give you a chance to develop your own instructional materials.

How do kids learn to read and write?

All formal education is built on a foundation of language arts. Two courses, **Integrated Literacy I and II**, survey this critical field at the elementary level. The first explores language acquisition and beginning literacy (birth through third grade). You'll identify learning environments, including cross-cultural ones, that improve children's language skills. The second course focuses on current and classic research on children's language development through the eighth-grade level.

Participate!

These campus-based organizations offer you great opportunities to make friends with other education majors and to advance in your profession.

The **Future Teachers Association** hosts guest speakers, fundraising events, and volunteer opportunities.

Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society for educators, recognizes excellence and fosters professional growth. Members attend workshops and conferences, organize community service projects, and share employment resources.

The **Council for Exceptional Children** seeks to advance education for individuals with exceptionalities and promotes related educational, scientific, and charitable activities.

SkillsUSA is an industry-education partnership that seeks to develop America's skilled work force. As a student member, you'll be introduced to instruction methods that build self-confidence, good work attitudes, and superior communications skills.

The **Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps** (TASH) is an international group that promotes the full inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life. The university TASH chapter sponsors lectures, films, and other educational events.

The **National Association of the Education of Young Children** promotes excellence in the education of children from birth through age eight.

Chaos in the classroom: how to avoid

Small children are spontaneous, uninhibited, and energetic. Put 30 or more in one room, and the possibilities are limitless. But sometimes kids need limits. In our **Classroom Management in Early Childhood** course, you will discover ways to channel all that energy. You'll learn how to help children gain self-control, how to manage a classroom, and how to build home-school partnerships.

Experience the Work World

The university offers three ways to build your professional skills: **The campus-based traditional program** includes one semester of student teaching for the greatest control of your class schedule. **School-based partnerships** allow you to work with mentors in local public school classrooms and gain 300-600 hours of hands-on experience. **The innovative, campus-based "learning cohort" program** blends coursework and practical classroom experience for a committed group of future teachers who progress as a team.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities for all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, Malta, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.