ASU is no longer accepting new students to the program. Please explore Degree Search for other similar program options.

Prepare to educate and advocate for multilingual learners. Coursework paired with internships and residencies will allow you to obtain teacher certification and endorsements after graduation and start a career in a high-demand specialty in education.

Program Description

The BAE program for elementary education with a concentration in educating multilingual learners prepares students for certification in grades K-8, as well as a preK-12 bilingual education or English as a second language endorsement in the state of Arizona.

This program offers students a firm grounding in current research and critical pedagogy for English language learners. Candidates take several courses that focus on language diversity, dialectal variation, funds of knowledge and practices that value cultural and community engagements. Students learn processes for developing and supporting the needs of students with individual language learning plans. Students also receive preparation in elementary academic content areas, including math, language arts, social studies and science with a specific focus on meeting the academic and linguistic needs of emergent bilinguals.

Students will learn about the foundations of second language acquisition, biliteracy, culturally relevant pedagogy and effective language instruction. Knowledge of these subjects prepares prospective educators to develop critical perspectives that will help them to advocate for bilingual children and families.

Extensive professional experiences are built into this program to prepare students to enter the teaching profession after graduation. Graduates will complete internships prior to a full-time teaching residency. Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a distinctive approach to teacher-preparation, which
includes student participation in internships and residencies while receiving guidance and support from faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Professional experiences are designed to prepare graduates to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners.

Graduates earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Elementary Education, K-8, as well as an endorsement in either bilingual education or English as a second language from the Arizona Department of Education. In order to teach in an Arizona public school, graduates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams: National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments. In addition, students must complete six credit hours of a foreign language or equivalent and pass an appropriate language proficiency test to be eligible for the bilingual education or English as a second language endorsement.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Tempe
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 College Algebra
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission
Change of Major Requirements

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments, and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad.

Students can learn how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education, and they can conduct comparative research, make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools, and engage in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities.

To explore programs, students may visit the Global Education website at https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought teachers in public, charter and private education institutions, including the increasing number of dual-language programs. Career examples include:

- bilingual-dual language K-8 classroom teacher
- K--8 classroom teacher
- language coach
- SEI classroom teacher

Professional Licensure
ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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