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.

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a team-based approach to teacher preparation, allowing students to participate in professional experiences (internships and teaching residencies) with a team of peers while receiving guidance and support from ASU faculty members and highly qualified certified
teachers. Team-based professional experiences are designed to prepare students to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners. The primary goal of professional experiences is to provide students with multiple opportunities to apply knowledge learned in coursework to practice in the classroom.

Students complete a series of internships prior to a semester-long full-time teaching residency. With the support of a certified mentor teacher and ASU faculty, students are able to practice what is learned during coursework in learning environments.

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

Tuition Information
When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements
Students should visit the Change of Major form 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.

Global Opportunities
Global Experience
Because of climate change, geopolitical instability or economic factors, the United Nations and other institutions predict that migration is expected to increase globally for the foreseeable future. Learners will be migrating to new communities. Increasingly, educators will be asked to meet the needs of students who speak languages other than English and who bring a range of cultures into classrooms and learning environments. Education students participating in study abroad programs can prepare for this reality by engaging in Global Education programs, where they can expand their notion of normal schooling and deepen their understanding of how to foster inclusive and inspiring learning environments.

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.

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