Prepare to educate and advocate for multilingual learners. Specialized coursework paired with team-based internships and residencies allow you to obtain teacher certification and endorsements after graduation so you can start a career in a high-demand specialty in education.

**Program Description**

This BAE program in elementary multilingual education prepares students to become educators for linguistically and culturally diverse learners in grades K--8. Students have opportunities to specialize in several areas, including transborder and cultural studies, Indigenous education and Spanish.

Course topics include language diversity, dialectal variation, funds of knowledge (i.e., collections of knowledge-based cultural practices), and practices that value cultural and community engagement. Students learn processes for identifying English language learners, as well as how to develop and support the needs of students with individual language learning plans. Students also receive preparation in teaching elementary content areas, including math, language arts, social studies and science with a specific focus on meeting the academic and linguistic needs of English language learners.

Extensive professional experiences are built into this program to prepare students to enter the teaching profession after graduation. Students 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 are eligible to 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 117 - College Algebra or MAT 142
- **Math Intensity**: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2022 - 2023 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

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](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 available programs, students should visit ASU’s Global Education website at https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

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

- bilingual-dual language K-8 classroom teacher
- K--8 classroom teacher
- language coach
- structured English immersion classroom teacher

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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**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](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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