

# Elementary Education, Certificate

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Earn your teaching credential in the high-demand field of elementary education, and enrich the lives of children and strengthen communities in which they live.

## Description

The certificate program in elementary education prepares students to work with children in grades K-8 in an educational setting.

This certificate program can be added only to the following majors in Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, granting students eligibility for dual teaching certificates at the completion of their undergraduate degree program:

- BAE in early childhood education
- BAE in secondary education
- BAE in special education

Students engage in innovative coursework grounded in theory-based strategies and evidence-based practices for teaching. Coursework is designed to support the development of instructional competencies, professional skills, content knowledge and pedagogical content knowledge in mathematics, science, English language arts and social studies.

This program has a strong focus on teaching and learning practices that foster equitable access and outcomes for culturally and linguistically diverse students and learners with special needs and exceptionalities.

Graduates are eligible to earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Elementary Education, K-8, as recognized by the Arizona Department of Education. To teach in an Arizona public school, graduates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams: National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.

## Format option

[This program is also offered via ASU Sync.](#) ASU Sync enables students to attend live classes remotely via Zoom. Classes are designed to foster active collaboration and discussion in real time with faculty and

peers. ASU Sync students need to reside in Arizona throughout the duration of the program. Students on I-20 visas are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should speak with an advisor about other options to complete this program.

Students seeking to use GI Bill® benefits for ASU Sync programs should contact the Pat Tillman Veterans Center regarding certain limitations.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [West Valley](#), [ASU Sync](#)

## Program requirements

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In addition to completing this certificate and a teacher certification program major, students will be required to earn a passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the AEPA/NES exam and a passing score on the subject knowledge portion of the AEPA/NES exam in each area an Arizona teaching credential is sought. Subject knowledge exam waivers may apply. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

This certificate requires 20 credit hours. A "C" or better is required in all coursework.

### Required Courses -- 20 credit hours

[EED 324: Social Studies for Equity and Social Justice](#) (3)  
[EED 411: Science in Elementary Schools](#) (3)  
[EED 412: Mathematics in Elementary Schools](#) (4)  
[EED 433: Writing in the 21st Century \(L\)](#) (3)  
[RDG 413: Elementary Methods for Literacy Instruction and Assessment](#) (4)  
[TEL 331: Foundations of Literacy: The Science of Reading](#) (3)

RDG 413 will replace TEL 332 for students adding this certificate to a secondary education degree program.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## Enrollment requirements

This certificate is open only to students majoring in early childhood education, special education or secondary education undergraduate teacher preparation programs in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Students should have a valid Arizona DPS Identity Verified Print fingerprint clearance card.

A GPA of 2.25 is required for continued good standing. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student but may not be eligible for an institutional recommendation for Arizona teaching licensure without additional preparation beyond the certificate.

## Career opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought-out teachers in public, charter and private education institutions. Many graduates with degrees in elementary education also work at community organizations that serve children and youth.

## 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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