EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
ELEMENTARY (with BGS) CHECKLIST
(Grades 1-6)
Education Department

Columbia College *established 1851*

Grade	Course #	Course Title / Fill in blank when choice is allowed	Credit Hours	Elem Ed Content Area Minor	Elem Ed Minor	Upper Level	Field Experience (observation hours)
Foundational Courses							
	COLL 133	General Education Foundations Seminar	3				
	ENGL 133W	First Year Writing Seminar *(or ENGL 112 if taken previously or transferred in)*	3	Engl/Lang Arts			
Civic Engagement							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Civic Engagement core course*	3				
	ANTH/SOCI 270	Diversity and Society *(Required for certification and fulfills GE elective requirement)*	3	Social/Cultural Studies	X		
Creative Thinking and Experience							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Creative Thinking and Experience core course. (Recommend ENGL 207W for WI if needed)*	3				
Ethical Reasoning GE							
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	Social/Cultural Studies	X		
Human Experience							
	PSYC 101	General Psychology *(PSYC 101 is a Human Experience core course and is also a prerequisite for other certification courses)*	3	Social/Cultural Studies			
Mathematical Reasoning							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Mathematical Reasoning core course.*	3				
Reasoning in Natural Science							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Reasoning in Natural Science course.*	3-5				
Communication Competence							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Communication Competence core course.*	3				
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching *(Communication Competence GE Elective)*	3			X	X	15 hrs
Global Awareness							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Global Awareness core course. (Recommend ENGL 264W for WI if needed)*	3				
Environmental Stewardship							
	Choose one from:	*Choose any Environmental Stewardship core course.*	3				
Electives							
	Any	***Non-EDUC GE Elective to fulfill degree hours requirement (see specifications on which courses could work)***	3				

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English/Language Arts Content Area Minor (remaining courses)

	EDUC 270	Literature for Children and Adolescents	3	Engl/Lang Arts			
	EDUC 280	Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy	3	Engl/Lang Arts	X		
	EDUC 331	Teaching of Reading	3	Engl/Lang Arts	X	X	15 hrs
	EDUC 337W	Teaching Language Arts in Middle and Elementary Schools	3	Engl/Lang Arts	X	X	
	EDUC 338W	Teaching Reading in the Content Area	3	Engl/Lang Arts	X	X	15 hrs
	EDUC 380W	Diagnostic and Corrective Reading	3	Engl/Lang Arts	X	X	

Math and Science Content Area Minor (remaining courses)

	CDEV 106	Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety	3	Math and Science	X		
	EDUC 358	Teaching Math in the Elementary School	3	Math and Science	X	X	15 hrs
	EDUC 352	Teaching Science to Elementary Children	3	Math and Science	X	X	
	MATH 102	Math for Elementary Teachers	3	Math and Science	X		
	MATH 155	Algebraic Reasoning for Elementary and Middle School Teachers	3	Math and Science			
	MATH 165	Geometric Reasoning for Elementary and Middle School Teachers	3	Math and Science			

Social and Cultural Studies Content Area Minor (remaining courses)

	EDUC 230	Education Psychology	3	Social/Cultural Studies	X		
	EDUC 354	Teaching Social Studies to Elementary Children	3	Social/Cultural Studies	X	X	
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	Social/Cultural Studies	X	X	
	EDUC 396	Child and Adolescent Development (or EDUC 391 **AND** EDUC 392)	3	Social/Cultural Studies	X	X	

Elementary Education Certification Minor (remaining courses)

	CDEV 335	Teaching Creative Arts and Movement to Children	3		X	X	
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education	3		X		15 hrs
	EDUC 220	Methods of Teaching English Learners	3		X		
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3		X	X	15 hrs
	EDUC 322	Educational Measurement & Evaluation	3		X	X	
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3		X	X	
	EDUC 425	Undergraduate Student Teaching	12		X	X	16 wks
		Total Hours	120-123	*Upper level hours**		54	

*Note: Additional upper-level hours required for degree; choose GE core courses that fulfill both requirements.

Please note: certification will be Elementary Education, not content area certification

Retention Criteria:
- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and faculty supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

Other requirements for certification that must be completed prior to graduation:
- Successful completion/passing of appropriate content assessment (must be completed prior to student teaching)
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment – MEES

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