Elementary Education Major PK-3, 3-6 grade bands with EI Updated March 2025

This advising sheet lays out a basic 4-year plan with all of the components necessary to graduate and become certified in Emotional Impairments (K-12) and Elementary (PK-3, 3-6). A candidate's actual 4-year plan should be worked out with an education advisor.

Anchor Plan (31-32 credits)

The Anchor Plan is required for all Hope College students and represents the general education liberal arts program. The following chart explains these requirements.

Requirement	Rule	Attribute
First Year Seminar	One IDS 100 -3 credits	FYS
Expository Writing	ENGL 113 -3 credits	EW
Health Dynamics	KIN 140 -2 credits	HD
Math and Natural Sciences	One math course -3/4 credits*	MA
*satisfied by major-no	One NSL course -4 credits	NSL
additional courses required	Any math or science course to reach 10 cr total	MNS
Religion	One REL 100 course -3 credits	RL1
_	One REL 200 course -3 credits	RL2
	*one course must have Christian Tenets	*TEN
Social Sciences	*Both Social Science courses will be satisfied by	SS1
*No additional	students taking EDUC 200/1 and EDUC 457.	SS2
coursework required.		
Arts and Humanities	One Arts in Practice course -2/3 credits	ART
The first course taken in	One Human Creative Perspectives course -3 credits	HCP
the series must be at the	One Philosophical Perspectives course-3 credits	PHL
100-level, and the next two	One Historical Perspectives course-3 credits	HST
courses must be at the	*Prerequisite: ENGL 113 and one 100 level Arts and	
200-level.	Humanities	
Human Diversities	Global Language-3 credits of second level fluency	GL2
	One US Diversities course (satisfied by EDUC	USD
	200/1)	GLP
	One Global Perspectives course -3 credits*	
Senior Seminar	*IDS 452 or IDS 492-3 credits	SRS
*Candidates will either		
take IDS 452 during the		
student teaching semester		
or IDS 492 during a		
different semester		

Elementary Education Major (72 credits) PK-3/3-6 grade bands

The professional sequence for all elementary education majors is listed below and is separated by level. Level 1 courses are designed to introduce candidates to the field of education. Once completed, candidates must choose their primary grade band, either PK-3 or 3-6. The other grade band becomes their secondary grade band. Level 2 courses are designed to have candidates learn the art of teaching. During Level 2 coursework, candidates must have 50 hours of clinical experience in their secondary grade band. Level 3 courses are taken during the student teaching semester and placement should be in a candidate's primary grade band.

Course #	Course Title	Credits			
Level 1					
EDUC 200/1	Diversity Equity and Inclusion/Clinical Experience				
EDUC 225/6	The Exceptional Child and Adolescent/Clinical Experience	3+1			
EDUC 270	Foundations of Education	3			
Level 2	All candidates should apply for admission to the department				
	during the semester that all three of the above courses have				
	been satisfied.				
EDUC 271	Intro to Elementary Education	3			
EDUC 277	Intro to Teaching Literacy	3			
EDUC 280/1	Literacy I: Reading/LA PK-3/Clinical Experience	3+1			
EDUC 282/3	Literacy II: Reading/LA Grades 4-8/Clinical Experience	3+1			
MATH 221	Intro Mathematics for Elementary Educators	3			
MATH 223	Mathematics for Elementary Educators	3			
MATH 308	Mathematical Teaching Practices for Elementary Educators	3			
EDUC 203L	Clinical Experience Science Teaching PK-3	1			
EDUC 203U	Clinical Experience Science Teaching 3-6	1			
EDUC 230	Science Practice & Pedagogy for Elementary	2			
BIOL 102A	Organisms & Environments PK-3	2			
BIOL 102B	Organisms & Environments 3-6	2			
CHEM 102A	Matter and Energy PK-3	2			
CHEM 102B	Matter and Energy 3-6	2			
EDUC 232	Social Studies for Elementary PK-3	3			
EDUC 260	Social Studies for Elementary 3-6	3			
EDUC 310/1	Elementary Curriculum & Methods/Clinical Experience	3+3			
Level 3	All candidates should attend an informational meeting and				
	apply to student teach two semesters before the semester they				
	wish to student teach in.				
EDUC 457	Student Teaching Seminar	2			
EDUC 465	Student Teaching EI	12			
EDUC 470 or	Student Teaching 3-6 or PK-3				
475					
And EDUC					
473					

Special Education EI Major (Additional 25 Credits)

The Special Education endorsement major in Emotional Impairments for a Secondary teaching certificate consists of a minimum of 25 credits. The courses are listed below.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester s Taught
EDUC 241	Introduction to Emotional Impairments/Clinical	4	Fall
EDUC 251	Experience Assessment, Data and IEP Processes in Special Education	3	Both
EDUC 252	Advance Reading and Literacy Practices for the Special	3	Both
EDUC 250	Education Student K-12 Special Education Strategies	3	Both
EDUC 356	Classroom and Behavior Management and Applied	3	Both
EDITO 250	Behavioral Analysis in Special Education	2	g :
EDUC 358	Clinical Experience for Emotionally Impaired	3	Spring
EDUC 363	Instructional Design for E.I. Elementary Focus	3	Spring
EDUC 436	Instructional Design for E.I. Secondary Focus	3	Spring

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This 4-year plan was intentionally constructed based on the sequential and scaffolded learning that will help candidates stay on track and be successful in the program. Any deviation to the plan should be done in conjunction with a candidate's education advisor.

Primary Major: Secondary Major:

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	Fall – Year 1		Spring – Year 1		Summer – Year 1	
	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE CI	REDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Educ	EDUC 200/201	4	EDUC 225/226	4		
Courses	EDUC 270	3	(HCP)	3		
EI Courses	ENG 113 (EW)	3	HST or PHL	3		
Anchor	IDS 100 (FYS)	3	REL 100 (RLI)	3		
Plan	KIN 140 (HD)	2	Lang (GL2)	3		
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	Fall – Yea	ır 2	Spring – Year 2		Summer – Year 2	
	EDUC 271	3	EDUC 280/281	4		
	EDUC 230	2	MATH 223	3		
	EDUC 277	3	BIO 102a & Lab	2		
	MATH 221	3	CHEM 102a & La			
	REL 200	3	EDUC 232	3		
	(REL2)	14	ART (2 or 3 credit			
				16		
	Fall – Year 3		Spring – Year 3		Summer – Year 3	
	EDUC 282/283	4	MATH 308	3		
	EDUC 241/242	4	EDUC 356	3		
	BIO 102b & Lal		EDUC 358	3		
	CHEM 102b & 1	Lab 2	EDUC 363	3		
	EDUC 203	1	EDUC 436	3		
	EDUC 251	3				
		16		15		
	Fall – Year 4		Spring – Year 4		Summer – Year 4	
*IDS 492 can	HST or PHL	3	EDUC 457	2	EDUC 473	2
be substituted	EDUC 260	3	EDUC 470 if (3-6)	10		
if not taken	EDUC 310/311	6	or 475 (if PK-3)			
during	EDUC 252	2				
student		14	IDS 485 (SRS)	3		
teaching				15		

Note: Have student take EDUC 203 L or U depending on which is their primary elementary area