

Elementary Education Major
PK-3, 3-6 grade bands with LD
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This advising sheet lays out a basic 4-year plan with all of the components necessary to graduate and become certified in Learning Disabilities (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 *satisfied by major-no additional courses required	One math course -3/4 credits* One NSL course -4 credits Any math or science course to reach 10 cr total	MA NSL MNS
Religion	One REL 100 course -3 credits One REL 200 course -3 credits *one course must have Christian Tenets	RL1 RL2 *TEN
Social Sciences *No additional coursework required.	*Both Social Science courses will be satisfied by students taking EDUC 200/1 and EDUC 457.	SS1 SS2
Arts and Humanities <i>The first course taken in the series must be at the 100-level, and the next two courses must be at the 200-level.</i>	One Arts in Practice course -2/3 credits One Human Creative Perspectives course -3 credits One Philosophical Perspectives course-3 credits One Historical Perspectives course-3 credits *Prerequisite: ENGL 113 and one 100 level Arts and Humanities	ART HCP PHL HST
Human Diversities	Global Language-3 credits of <u>second level</u> fluency One US Diversities course (satisfied by EDUC 200/1) One Global Perspectives course -3 credits*	GL2 <u>USD</u> GLP
Senior Seminar *Candidates will either take IDS 452 during the student teaching semester or IDS 492 during a different semester	*IDS 452 or IDS 492-3 credits	SRS

Elementary Education Major (72 credits)
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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	3+1
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 460 EDUC 470 or 475 And EDUC 473	Student Teaching LD Student Teaching 3-6 or PK-3	12

**Special Education LD Major
(Additional 25 Credits)**

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

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semesters Taught
EDUC 253	Introduction to Learning Disabilities/Clinical Experience	4	Spring
EDUC 251	Assessment, Data and IEP Processes in Special Education	3	Both
EDUC 252	Advance Reading and Literacy Practices for the Special Education Student K-12	3	Both
EDUC 250	Special Education Strategies	3	Both
EDUC 356	Classroom and Behavior Management and Applied Behavioral Analysis in Special Education	3	Both
EDUC 357	Clinical Experience for Learning Disabilities	3	Fall
EDUC 359	Instructional Design for L.D. Elementary Focus	3	Fall
EDUC 434	Instructional Design for L.D. Secondary Focus	3	Fall

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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:

	Fall – Year 1		Spring – Year 1		Summer – Year 1	
	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CRE DITS
Educ Courses LD Courses Anchor Plan	EDUC 200/201	4	EDUC 225/226	4		
	EDUC 270	3	(HCP)	3		
	ENG 113 (EW)	3	HST or PHL	3		
	IDS 100 (FYS)	3	REL 100 (RLI)	3		
	KIN 140 (HD)	2	Lang (GL2)	3		
		15		16		
	Fall – Year 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 & Lab	2		
	REL 200 (RL2)	3	EDUC 232	3		
			ART (2 or 3 credits)	2		
		14		16		
	Fall – Year 3		Spring – Year 3		Summer – Year 3	
	EDUC 282/283	4	EDUC 253/254	4		
	BIO 102b & Lab	2	EDUC 310/311	6		
	CHEM 102b & Lab	2	EDUC 251	3		
	EDUC 260	3	HST or PHL	3		
	MATH 308	3				
	EDUC203	1				
		15		16		
	Fall – Year 4		Spring – Year 4		Summer – Year 4	
*IDS 492 can be substituted if not taken during student teaching	EDUC 252	2	EDUC 457	2	EDUC 473	2
	EDUC 357	3	EDUC 470 (if 3-6) or	10		
	EDUC 359	3	EDUC 475 (if PK-3)			
	EDUC 434	3	IDS 485 (SRS)	3		
	EDUC 356	3				
		14		15		

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