

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

## MEd DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH LICENSURE

The MEd in Elementary Education is designed for individuals looking to make a difference in the educational lives of children. Graduates of the program will receive an Elementary Professional Educator License (PEL) with an English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement. The program of study qualifies you to teach in first through sixth grade classrooms, including those with students labeled as English learners.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The MEd in Elementary Education is a 2-year program designed for individuals looking to make a difference in the lives of children. Graduates of the program will receive a Professional Educator License (PEL) in Elementary Education with an ESL endorsement, and the potential to add bilingual, learning behavior specialist (LBS1), and middle grades endorsements.

This program is designed for individuals seeking to secure an initial teaching license to teach in elementary schools, whether that be in general education, special education, ESL or bilingual education. Completion of the MEd degree program in Elementary Education requires 38 semester hours.

Designed with flexible options for students to complete the coursework and fieldwork in a variety of ways and with a blend of in-person and online options, as well as evening and weekend courses, the program allows working professionals to seek out their degree and teaching licensure while remaining in current positions. Full-time graduate students are also welcome and will receive placement in school settings for fieldwork alongside related coursework.

### EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

After graduation, you can expect to go on to teach in public, private, or Catholic elementary schools. Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

### PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Loyola University Chicago provides one of the most comprehensive and innovative graduate teacher preparation programs of any university in Illinois. This program is designed with the overall goal of supporting and preparing teaching professionals who are experienced in improving learning outcomes for all students, addressing the opportunity gap, and having an impact on diverse learners in different settings.

This program involves field experiences from the first semester, so you will begin honing your skills immediately.

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), now the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), accredits the School of Education.

Candidates in all programs leading to Illinois licensure are required to pass appropriate licensure exams, the edTPA, and a State Criminal Background Check.

## FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).

Learn more about the financial aid process at [LUC.edu/education/financialaid](https://LUC.edu/education/financialaid).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION INFORMATION  
AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](https://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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