

# Department of Curriculum and Instruction

**(College of Education)**

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## Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs Early Childhood Education Major-Teaching

This major leads to licensure for teaching young children from birth through grade 3, with an emphasis on working in inclusive settings. The student will complete the UNIFI/General Education requirements, the Professional Education Requirements, the specified major requirements, plus electives to complete a minimum of 120 hours. The prescribed program is as follows:

This major leads to licensure for teaching young children from birth through grade 3, with an emphasis on working in inclusive settings (endorsement #1001 PK-3 Birth through grade three, Inclusive Settings). Early childhood education majors engage in a blended curriculum that prepares them for both general education and special education positions in early childhood settings.

Students majoring in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education or Middle Level Education may not **repeat or withdraw** from any courses within the ELEMECML, LRNTECH, or LITED course categories more than twice (taking any course a total of 3 times). Students in these programs are also limited to a maximum of five course retakes across these same courses. Under extraordinary circumstances, an elementary, early childhood or middle level education major may request in writing that an exception be made to this policy. All written requests will be reviewed by the appropriate C&I faculty who shall determine whether or not an exception will be granted. In any case where an exception is not granted, a student may appeal the decision through the regular appeal process for other teacher education related appeals. This policy applies to all majors declared after April 2016.

### I. Professional Education Requirements-Early Childhood Education

Required:

Special Education:		
SPED 3150	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Classrooms	2
Instructional Technology:		
LRNTECH 1031	Educational Technology and Design	3
TEACHING 4170/5170	Human Relations: Awareness and Application (*)	3

\* Before enrolling in TEACHING 4170/5170, the student must be fully admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

#### Level I

Educational Psychology:		
TEACHING 2017	Level 1 Field Experience: Exploring Teaching	1

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EDPSYCH 2030	Dynamics of Human Development	3
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### Level II

(Before enrolling in Level II, the student must be fully admitted to the Teacher Education Program.)

TEACHING 3128	Level 2 Field Experience: Lesson Planning and Instruction	1
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Educational Psychology:

EDPSYCH 3148	Learning and Motivation in Classroom Contexts	3
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### Level III

(Before enrolling in Level III, the student must be fully admitted to the Teacher Education Program.)

Social Foundations:

SOCFOUND 3119	Schools and American Society	3
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Teaching: 12

TEACHING 3132	Early Childhood Teaching	
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**Total Hours Professional Education Requirements- Early Childhood 31**

## II. Early Childhood Education Major Requirements

Required:

Educational Psychology:

EDPSYCH 3109	Development and Assessment of Young Children	3
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Elementary, Early Childhood, and Middle Level Education:

ELEMECML 3149/5149	Child, Family, School and Community Relationships	3
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ELEMECML 3161	Teaching Elementary School Science	3
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ELEMECML 3164	Teaching Elementary School Social Studies	3
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ELEMECML/SPED 4124	Infant Toddler Curriculum and Early Intervention	3
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ELEMECML 4130/5130	Guidance and Instruction in Early Childhood Education	3
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ELEMECML 4151/5151	Early Childhood Curriculum Development and Organization	3
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ELEMECML 4162/5162	Administration and Advocacy of Early Childhood Programs	2
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ELEMECML 4192/5192	Field Experience and Seminar in Early Childhood	2
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Literacy Education:

LITED 1044	Children's Literature	3
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LITED 3115	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy	3
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LITED 3119/5119	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3
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Mathematics:

MATH 1204	Mathematical Reasoning **	3
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MATH 2204	Mathematical Reasoning for Elementary Teachers II **	3
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MATH 3203	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
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MATH 3204	Mathematical Reasoning for Elementary Teachers III **	3
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Life Science course: 3-4

SCI ED 1200	Inquiry into Life Science (recommended)
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OR

Any life/biological (BIOL xxxx) science course

Physical Science course: 3-4

SCI ED 1300	Inquiry into Physical Science (recommended)
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OR

Any chemistry (CHEM xxxx) or physics (PHYSICS xxxx)

Earth/Space Science: 3-4

One course from the following:

SCI ED 1100	Inquiry into Earth and Space Science (recommended)
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EARTHSCI 1100	Astronomy
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EARTHSCI 1200	Elements of Weather
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EARTHSCI 1300	Introduction to Geology
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Special Education:

SPED 4192/5192	Experience in Special Education	1
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SPED 4148/5148	Assessment of Young Children and Families with Exceptionalities	3
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**Total Hours 59-62**

\*\* Students must earn a C- or higher in MATH 1204, MATH 2204, and MATH 3204 in order for the course to satisfy in the Early Childhood Education major.

A 2.50 grade index in all course work at the University of Northern Iowa, and, also, a 2.50 GPA in all course work at this university and elsewhere, or the approval of the head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction is required for registration in major courses in the department.

Students should plan their course work so that all Early Childhood courses are taken prior to student teaching. Students must have a cumulative, UNI, and major GPA of 2.50 in order to student teach. In addition, students must achieve a grade of C (2.00) or higher in the following methods classes in order to student teach:

ELEMECML 3149/5149	Child, Family, School and Community Relationships	3
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ELEMECML 3161	Teaching Elementary School Science	3
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ELEMECML 3164	Teaching Elementary School Social Studies	3
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ELEMECML/SPED 4124	Infant Toddler Curriculum and Early Intervention	3
ELEMECML 4130/5130	Guidance and Instruction in Early Childhood Education	3
ELEMECML 4151/5151	Early Childhood Curriculum Development and Organization	3
LITED 3115	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy	3
MATH 3203	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3

Students should apply for their student teaching one year in advance.

### Elementary Education Major-Teaching (K-6 General Classroom Teacher)

This major leads to endorsement #102 K-6 Teacher Elementary Classroom.

Students majoring in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education or Middle Level Education may not **repeat or withdraw** from any courses within the ELEMECML, LRNTECH, or LITED course categories more than twice (a total of three times for any course). Students in these programs are also limited to a maximum of five course retakes across these same courses. Under extraordinary circumstances, an elementary, early childhood or middle level education major may request in writing that an exception be made to this policy. All written requests will be reviewed by the appropriate C&I faculty who shall determine whether or not an exception will be granted. In any case where an exception is not granted, a student may appeal the decision through the regular appeal process for other teacher education related appeals. This policy applies to all majors declared after April 2016.

The student will complete the UNIFI/General Education requirements, the Professional Education Requirements, the major requirements, a 12-hour area of specialization (this requirement is covered by the UNIFI/General Education program), and electives to complete a minimum of 120 hours. The prescribed program is as follows:

#### I. Professional Education Requirements-Elementary Education

Required:

Special Education:		
SPED 3150	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Classrooms	2
Instructional Technology:		
LRNTECH 1031	Educational Technology and Design *	3
Human Relations:		
TEACHING 4170/5170	Human Relations: Awareness and Application **	3

\* Students must select LRNTECH 1031 Educational Technology and Design in place of LRNTECH 1020 Secondary Educational Technology and Design in the Professional Education Requirements unless the computer requirement is addressed in a minor subject field or elective course.

\*\* Before enrolling in TEACHING 4170/5170 (280:170g), the student must be fully admitted to the Teacher Education Program

#### Level I

Educational Psychology:

TEACHING 2017	Level 1 Field Experience: Exploring Teaching	1
EDPSYCH 2030	Dynamics of Human Development	3

#### Level II

(Before enrolling in Level II, the student must be fully admitted to the Teacher Education Program.)

TEACHING 3128	Level 2 Field Experience: Lesson Planning and Instruction	1
EDPSYCH 3148	Learning and Motivation in Classroom Contexts	3
MEASRES 3150	Classroom Assessment	2

#### Level III

(Before enrolling in Level III, the student must be fully admitted to the Teacher Education Program.)

Social Foundations:

SOCFOUND 3119	Schools and American Society	3
Teaching:		12
TEACHING 3134	Elementary Teaching	
Total hours Professional Education Requirements-Elementary Education		33

### II. Elementary Education Major Requirements

Required:

Elementary, Early Childhood, and Middle Level Education:		15
ELEMECML 3120	Classroom Management K-8	
ELEMECML 3161	Teaching Elementary School Science	
ELEMECML 3164	Teaching Elementary School Social Studies	
ELEMECML 4123/5123	Methods of Teaching Visual and Performing Arts Integration in the Elementary Classroom	
ELEMECML 4150	Elementary Curriculum	
Literacy Education:		9
LITED 1044	Children's Literature	
LITED 3115	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy	
LITED 3116	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy in the Intermediate Grades *	
Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services-Interdepartmental:		3

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KAHHS 2045	Health and Physical Education for Elementary Teachers	
Mathematics:		
MATH 1204	Mathematical Reasoning **	3
MATH 2204	Mathematical Reasoning for Elementary Teachers II **	3
MATH 3204	Mathematical Reasoning for Elementary Teachers III **	3
MATH 3203	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3
Life Science course:		3-4
SCI ED 1200	Inquiry into Life Science (recommended)	
OR		
Any life/biological (BIOL xxxx) science course		
Physical Science course:		3-4
SCI ED 1300	Inquiry into Physical Science (recommended)	
OR		
Any chemistry (CHEM xxxx) or physics (PHYSICS xxxx)		
Earth/Space Science:		3-4
One course from the following:		
SCI ED 1100	Inquiry into Earth and Space Science (recommended)	
EARTHSCI 1100	Astronomy	
EARTHSCI 1200	Elements of Weather	
EARTHSCI 1300	Introduction to Geology	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>48-51</b>

\* Middle Level/Elementary Education double majors may substitute LITED 4117/5117 Methods of Teaching Content Literacy at the Middle and Secondary Levels for LITED 3116 Methods of Teaching Content Literacy in the Intermediate Grades.

\*\* Students must earn a C- or higher in MATH 1204, MATH 2204 and MATH 3204 in order for the course to satisfy in the Elementary Education major.

A 2.50 grade index in all work at the University of Northern Iowa and, also, a 2.50 GPA on all course work at this university and elsewhere, or the approval of the head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction is required for registration in major courses in the department.

Students should plan their course work so that the following courses are taken concurrently as a professional semester block, prior to student teaching:

Elementary, Early Childhood, and Middle Level Education:

ELEMECML 3120	Classroom Management K-8
ELEMECML 3161	Teaching Elementary School Science
ELEMECML 3164	Teaching Elementary School Social Studies

Literacy Education:

LITED 3116	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy in the Intermediate Grades
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Mathematics:

MATH 3203	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School
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To be eligible for the courses in the Professional Semester block, students must have completed Level II of the Professional Education Requirements, a curriculum course [ELEMECML 4150 Elementary Curriculum], and have a cumulative 2.50 GPA. Students should plan their course work so that all Elementary Education courses are taken prior to student teaching. Students must have a cumulative, UNI, and major GPA of 2.50 in order to student teach. In addition, students must achieve a grade of C (2.00) or higher in the following methods classes in order to student teach:

ELEMECML 3120	Classroom Management K-8	3
ELEMECML 3161	Teaching Elementary School Science	3
ELEMECML 3164	Teaching Elementary School Social Studies	3
LITED 3115	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy	3
LITED 3116	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy in the Intermediate Grades	3
MATH 3203	Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School	3

Students should apply for their student teaching one year in advance.

## Verification of Iowa Teaching Licensure Requirements

In addition to the Elementary Education major requirements, students must complete coursework in 9 credit hours in the social sciences:

history, economics, psychology, sociology, geography or political science/Civic Literacy to be eligible to be recommended for an Iowa teaching license. Courses used to satisfy a UNIFI/General Education category **may** also be used to satisfy these licensure requirements.

9 hours from 3 different areas:

History: with prefix HISEUA, HISEUB, HISNW, HISUS, HIST

or classes

HUM 1021	Humanities I: The Ancient, Classical, and Medieval Worlds
or HUM 1022	Humanities II: The Renaissance, Reformation, and Enlightenment
or HUM 1023	Humanities III: The Age of Revolution to the Present

Economics: with prefix ECON

Psychology: with prefix PSYCH

Sociology: with prefix SOC

Geography: with prefix GEOG

Political Science/Civic Literacy: with prefix POL AMER

### III. Area of Specialization

Students will include a 12-hour area of specialization. UNIFI/General Education courses may be counted toward the 12-hour area of specialization.

**Listed below are teaching minors that are available to students pursuing K-6 General Classroom teacher licensure. Completion of a minor will grant the appropriate endorsement in addition to the K-6 General Classroom teacher endorsement.**

#### Endorsement Minors:

- Art Education (K-8)-Teaching (listed in Department of Art)
- Basic Science (K-8)-Teaching (listed in Science and Science Education)
- Early Childhood Education-Teaching (listed below)
- Health Education (K-8)-Teaching (listed in Department of Health, Recreation and Community Services)
- Mathematics (K-8)-Teaching (listed in Department of Mathematics)
- Languages (K-8)-Teaching (listed in Department of Languages and Literatures)
- Literacy Education (Reading K-8 and 5-12) (listed below)
- Social Studies (K-8)-Teaching (listed below)
- Special Education-Teaching (listed in Department of Special Education)

### Purple Pathway for Paraeducators Program

The Purple Pathway program is an accelerated, online, practice that allows paraeducators holding an AA or AS degree to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education that leads to recommendation for licensure for the K-6 Elementary (#102) and K-8 Instructional Strategist I: Mild/Moderate Special Education (#260) teaching endorsements. Paraeducator/students complete 80 credits from the University of Northern Iowa over a period of two years. District/school recommendations of support are required for participation in this program.

### Middle Level Education Dual Major-Teaching

This major is designed to prepare students to teach young adolescents at the middle level of education (grades 5-8). This is a dual major and must be combined with either an elementary or secondary education teaching major. Students will complete UNIFI/General Education requirements, the Professional Education Requirements, major requirements for middle level education, major requirements for elementary or secondary education, and endorsement requirements for the Iowa Middle School endorsement for a minimum total of 129 hours.

This major leads to 2-4 of the following endorsements: 1821: 5-8 Middle School Language Arts, 1822: 5-8 Middle School Mathematics, 1823: 5-8 Middle School Science, 1824: 5-8 Middle School Social Studies. The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in grades five through eight in two to four concentration areas in which the specific requirements have been completed. The holder is not authorized to teach art, industrial arts, music, reading, physical education and special education, but may teach in other areas allowed by the State of Iowa.

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Students in these programs are also limited to a maximum of five course retakes across these same courses. Under extraordinary circumstances, an elementary, early childhood or middle level education major may request in writing that an exception be made to this policy. All written requests will be reviewed by the appropriate C&I faculty who shall determine whether or not an exception will be granted. In any case where an exception is not granted, a student may appeal the decision through the regular appeal process for other teacher education related appeals. This policy applies to all majors declared after April 2016.

Required:

Educational Psychology:	3
EDPSYCH 4152/5152 Development of the Middle School Aged Child	
Middle Level Education:	8
ELEMECML 3120 Classroom Management K-8 or EDPSYCH 4151/5151 Approaches to Classroom Management for Secondary Students	
ELEMECML 4135/5135 Middle Level Instruction, Differentiation, and Assessment	
ELEMECML 4152/5152 Middle Level Curriculum	
Literacy Education:	4
LITED 4117/5117 Methods of Teaching Content Literacy at the Middle and Secondary Levels	
LITED 4155/5155 English Language Structures and Usage for K-8 Educators	

**Total Hours 15**

Students will complete a minimum of 12 hours of course work in two, three, or four subject area concentrations. Subject area concentrations are limited to the following four areas and must include the specified course work.

Required:

Language Arts: to include composition, language usage, speech, young adult literature, and literature across cultures	12
Mathematics: to include algebra	12
Science: to include life, earth, and physical	12
Social Studies: to include United States history, world history, government, and geography	12
Minimum of 24 hours	

Some or all of this course work may be completed as part of the UNIFI/General Education requirements. Students should contact their advisor, the College of Education Advising Center, or the undergraduate record analyst in the Office of the Registrar to determine specific courses required for the endorsement.

Students should plan their course work so that all Middle Level Education courses are taken prior to student teaching. Students must have a cumulative, UNI, and major GPA of 2.50 in order to student teach. In addition, students must achieve a grade of C (2.00) or higher in the following methods classes in order to student teach:

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ELEMECML 3120	Classroom Management K-8	3
ELEMECML 4135/5135	Middle Level Instruction, Differentiation, and Assessment	3
LITED 4117/5117	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy at the Middle and Secondary Levels	3

and other methods courses required by their second major. Students should apply for their student teaching one year in advance.

Each program of study should be planned so the following courses are completed after Level II of the Professional Education Requirements and prior to student teaching:

ELEMECML 3120	Classroom Management K-8	3
ELEMECML 4135/5135	Middle Level Instruction, Differentiation, and Assessment	3
ELEMECML 4152/5152	Middle Level Curriculum	2

and all methods courses. The student teaching semester will include two experiences, one in either an elementary or secondary classroom, depending on the primary major, and the other in a teamed or departmentalized, grades 5-8, middle level classroom. Students enroll for TEACHING 3137 and TEACHING 3134 or TEACHING 3138 for a total of 12 hours.

## Minors

### Early Childhood Education Minor -Teaching

Elementary Education majors may choose to minor in Early Childhood Education. This minor provides undergraduate students wishing to teach in prekindergarten and kindergarten classrooms with advanced knowledge and experiences in child development and learning, integrated curriculum, family and community relations, positive guidance and assessment in early childhood. **Completion of a minor will lead to the State of Iowa Teacher- PK-Kindergarten (ED 103) endorsement which can only be earned in conjunction with the K-6 General Classroom teacher endorsement.**

**Enrollment Management Policies: The Early Childhood Education teaching minor is only available to students pursuing K-6 General Classroom teacher licensure.** Early Childhood Education minors may begin their program in either fall or spring semester. Students should contact their advisor, the College of Education Advising Center, or the undergraduate record analyst in the Office of the Registrar to determine specific courses required for the endorsement.

Admission requirements: In order to declare this minor, a student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be admitted to the Teacher Education program.

Students should plan their course work so that all Early Childhood Education courses are taken prior to student teaching. Students must have a cumulative, UNI, minor and major GPA of 2.50 in order to student teach. Student teaching placements in a PreK classroom and an elementary classroom are required (TEACHING 3132 and TEACHING 3134).

EDPSYCH 2030	Dynamics of Human Development	3
MEASRES 3150	Classroom Assessment	2
EDPSYCH 3109	Development and Assessment of Young Children	3
ELEMECML 3149/5149	Child, Family, School and Community Relationships	3
ELEMECML 4130/5130	Guidance and Instruction in Early Childhood Education	3
ELEMECML 4151/5151	Early Childhood Curriculum Development and Organization	3
ELEMECML 4192/5192	Field Experience and Seminar in Early Childhood	2
LITED 3119/5119	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>22</b>

### Educational Technology Minor

The Educational Technology Minor has 5 designated courses, however 2 of the courses (LRNTECH 4110/5110 and LRNTECH 4138/5138) can be replaced by other courses in specific subject areas (i.e., Assistive Technologies for Special Ed) with student request and instructor permission. Educational Technology minor students may begin their program in either Fall or Spring semester.

Required:

Instructional Technology:		
LRNTECH 1020	Secondary Educational Technology and Design	2-3
	or LRNTECH 1031	Educational Technology and Design
LRNTECH 1030	Creating Technology-Enhanced Learning Environments	3
LRNTECH 4110/5110	Developing and Directing Online Learning	3
LRNTECH 4131/5131	Exploring Issues and Trends in Learning Technologies	3
LRNTECH 4138/5138	Understanding Visual Literacy	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>14-15</b>

### Literacy Education Minor -Teaching

Required:

Literacy Education:		
LITED 4140/5140	Assessment and Evaluation of Literacy	4
LITED 4193/5193	Experience in Literacy: Field	
Course work chosen for appropriate endorsement		21
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>25</b>

### Reading K-8 Endorsement

Literacy Education:

LITED 1044	Children's Literature	3
LITED 3115	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy	3

LITED 3116	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy in the Intermediate Grades	3
or LITED 4117/5117	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy at the Middle and Secondary Levels	
LITED 3119/5119	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3
LITED 3121/5121	Children's Literature for Diversity and Social Justice	3
LITED 4147/5147	Advanced Literacy Practices	3
LITED 4192/5192	Experience in Literacy: Tutoring	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

**Reading 5-12 Endorsement**

Literacy Education:

LITED 3119/5119	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3
or TESOL 4510/5510	Language Development	
LITED 4117/5117	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy at the Middle and Secondary Levels	3
LITED 4147/5147	Advanced Literacy Practices	3
LITED 4192/5192	Experience in Literacy: Tutoring	3

Languages and Literatures/Linguistics:

ENGLISH 2520	Multicultural Literature	3
or ENGLISH 2420	Survey of American Literature	
ENGLISH 4940/5940	Literature for Young Adults	3
ENGLISH 4920/5920	The Teaching of Writing	3
or TESOL 4120/5120	Introduction to Linguistics	
or TESOL 4110/5110	The Structure of English	

**Total Hours 21**

**English/Language Arts K-8 Endorsement**

Literacy Education:

LITED 1044	Children's Literature	3
LITED 3115	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy	3
LITED 3116	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy in the Intermediate Grades	3
or LITED 4117/5117	Methods of Teaching Content Literacy at the Middle and Secondary Levels	
LITED 3119/5119	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3
LITED 3121/5121	Children's Literature for Diversity and Social Justice	3

Languages and Literatures/Linguistics:

ENGLISH 2520	Multicultural Literature	3
or ENGLISH 2420	Survey of American Literature	
or ENGLISH 4940/5940	Literature for Young Adults	

Theatre:

THEATRE 1050	Creative Drama	3
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or ELEMECML 4123 Methods of Teaching Visual and Performing Arts Integration in the Elementary Classroom

**Total Hours 21**

In order to declare the Literacy Education Minor, a student must have a cumulative and UNI GPA of 3.00 or higher. To continue in the minor, students must earn a grade of B- (2.67) or above in minor courses numbered LITED 3119/5119 Language Development and Emergent Literacy or above and maintain a cumulative and UNI GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Persons selecting this program are eligible for the State of Iowa Reading K-8, Reading 5-12, or English/Language Arts K-8 endorsement, depending on their choice of courses.

**Social & Emotional Learning Minor**

The Social & Emotional Learning Minor is composed of 20-23 credits of course work and 3 workshops which are embedded into the ELEMECML 3186 seminar. The goal of the minor program is to support elementary and secondary educators becoming leaders in their schools and communities in the area of Social & Emotional Learning (SEL). Early Childhood majors should work with a CATS advisor if interested in this minor. Students who complete this minor will have a deeper understanding of how to create safe spaces for all students, promote empathy, engage in and teach well-being practices, support student self-awareness, and facilitate shared decision-making.

**Elementary Education Majors:**

Required:

ELEMECML 3120	Classroom Management K-8	3
ELEMECML 4123/5123	Methods of Teaching Visual and Performing Arts Integration in the Elementary Classroom	3
ELEMECML 4150	Elementary Curriculum	3
EDPSYCH 2030	Dynamics of Human Development	3
TEACHING 4170/5170	Human Relations: Awareness and Application	3
SPED 3150	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Classrooms	2
ELEMECML 3186	The Science & Practice of Well-Being: Mindfulness, Compassion, & Joy for Teachers	3
Elective (select one of the following):		3
PHIL 1020	Philosophy: The Art of Thinking	
SOC 1000	Introduction to Sociology	
FAM SERV 1010	Human Identity and Relationships	
EDPSYCH 4118/5118	Mental Health and Well-Being in the Classroom	
EDPSYCH 4157/5157	Interpersonal Forgiveness	
EDPSYCH 4232/5232	Risk and Resilience: Child, Family, School and Community Factors	
PSYCH 2203	Social Psychology *	
PHIL 3360	Intellectual Vices and Virtues: Theory and Practice	

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SOC 2075	The Self in Social Context *	
SW 3143	Self-Care and Stress Management in Helping Professions	
SPED 4161/5161	Constructions of Behavior and Humanistic Supports *	
Total Hours		23
<b>Secondary Education Majors:</b>		
Required:		
EDPSYCH 2030	Dynamics of Human Development	3
TEACHING 4170/5170	Human Relations: Awareness and Application	3
SPED 3150	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in Classrooms	2
ELEMECML 3186: The Science & Practice of Well-Being: Mindfulness, Compassion, & Joy for Teachers		3
Electives (select three of the following):		9
PHIL 1020	Philosophy: The Art of Thinking	
SOC 1000	Introduction to Sociology	
FAM SERV 1010	Human Identity and Relationships	
EDPSYCH 4118/5118	Mental Health and Well-Being in the Classroom	
EDPSYCH 4157/5157	Interpersonal Forgiveness	
EDPSYCH 4232/5232	Risk and Resilience: Child, Family, School and Community Factors	
PSYCH 2203	Social Psychology *	
PHIL 3360	Intellectual Vices and Virtues: Theory and Practice	
SOC 2075	The Self in Social Context *	
SW 3143	Self-Care and Stress Management in Helping Professions	
SPED 4161/5161	Constructions of Behavior and Humanistic Supports *	
Total Hours		20

\* The following courses have prerequisites:  
 PSYCH 2203 has a prerequisite of PSYCH 1001.  
 SOC 2075 has a prerequisite of SOC 1000 or SOC 1060.  
 SPED 4161/5161 has a prerequisite of SPED 3150 and a corequisite of SPED 4162/5162 and SPED 4163/5163 and a prerequisite or corequisite of SPED 4150/5150.

## Social Studies Minor (K-8)-Teaching

This minor leads to endorsement #164: K-8 Social Studies.

Required:		
Elementary, Early Childhood, and Middle Level Education:		3
ELEMECML 4143/5143	Applications/Content in Elementary Social Studies	

Completion of 21 hours in social studies to include course work from at least 3 of the following areas:	21
Psychology (PSYCH xxxx)	
Economics (ECON xxxx)	
American Government (POL AMER xxxx)	
History: (HIST xxxx) (HISUS xxxx) (HISEUA xxxx) (HISEUB xxxx) (HISNW xxxx)	
Geography (GEOG xxxx)	
Sociology (SOC xxxx) (CRIM xxxx)	
In addition to the course work in three areas above, courses may be taken from:	
Social Science (SOC SCI xxxx)	
Anthropology (ANTH xxxx)	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>24</b>

## Master of Arts Degree Programs Major in Learning Technologies and Instructional Design

This program is designed to prepare graduates for successful careers involving educational media, instructional design, teaching, and technology. The program begins with essential tools and foundations leading up to creative and hands-on opportunities that equip graduates to lead change and promote successful teaching and earning in the classroom, non-profit, or corporate setting.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNIverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

**Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.**

This major is available on both the **thesis** and **non-thesis** options, and requires a **minimum of 33 semester hours for thesis and 30 semester hours for non-thesis. A minimum of 15 semester hours of 6000-level course work is required for the thesis option. A minimum of 12 semester hours of 6000-level course work is required for the non-thesis option.**

All students completing the **thesis** option are required to complete a comprehensive portfolio. A student completing the thesis option must include 6 hours of LRNTECH 6299 in the program of study.

All students completing the **non-thesis** option are required to complete the departmental graduate research requirement and prepare a comprehensive ePortfolio at the end of the student's program of study.

Required:		
LRNTECH 4110/5110	Developing and Directing Online Learning	3
LRNTECH 4131/5131	Exploring Issues and Trends in Learning Technologies	3



LRNTECH 4153/5153	Developing Digital Learning Environments	3
MEASRES 6205	Educational Research	3
LRNTECH 6208	Enhancing Learning Through Action Research	3
LRNTECH 6215	Designing and Implementing Professional Development	3
LRNTECH 6237	Creating Change through Digital Leadership	3
LRNTECH 6240	Understanding Instructional Design	3
LRNTECH 6289	Seminar in Learning Technology	3
LRNTECH 6299	Research	3 or 6
Thesis Option (6 hours)		
Non-thesis Option (3 hours)		
Total hours - non-thesis option		30
Total hours - thesis option		33

### Major in School Library Studies

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

**Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.**

This major is available on the **thesis** and **non-thesis** options. A **minimum of 36 semester hours** is required for the **thesis** option, and a **minimum of 33 semester hours** is required for the **non-thesis** option. **A minimum of 15 hours of 6000-level course work is required for the thesis option. A minimum of 12 hours of 6000-level course work is required for the non-thesis option.**

Students choosing the **thesis** option are required to write a thesis and pass an oral defense conducted by the thesis committee. Students choosing the **non-thesis** option are required to complete the departmental graduate research requirement. In lieu of a comprehensive examination, all students must complete a comprehensive portfolio, during their final semester of course work, that meets the requirements of the division faculty.

The program is open to students who hold or have completed coursework for teaching licensure. Students completing this major are eligible for endorsement #174 K-12 School Teacher Librarian endorsement if they hold or are eligible to hold a teaching license.

Required:

School Library Studies:		30
SLS 4114/5114	Introduction to the School Library Program	
SLS 4115/5115	Organization of Information	
SLS 4132/5132	Library Resources for Children	

SLS 4134/5134	Library Resources for Young Adults	
SLS 6223	School Library Curriculum Development	
SLS 6225	Leadership in the School Library Program	
SLS 6230	Technologies for Libraries	
SLS 6250	Information Resources for Inquiry Learning	
SLS 6290	Practicum	
SLS 6295	Research in Library and Information Science	
Research:		3 or 6
SLS 6299	Research	
Thesis Option (6 hours)		
Non-thesis Option (3 hours)		
Thesis Option		36
Non-thesis Option		33

### Licensure Preparation for Endorsement 108 K-8 School Teacher Librarian

Completion of the following courses leads to endorsement 108 K-8 School Teacher Librarian. The program is open to students who hold or have completed coursework for teaching licensure. Students completing the following set of courses are eligible for the K-8 School Teacher Librarian endorsement if they hold or are eligible to hold a teaching license. In order to be recommended through UNI, all courses must be on your UNI transcript.

Required:

School Library Studies:		
SLS 4114/5114	Introduction to the School Library Program	3
SLS 4115/5115	Organization of Information	3
SLS 4132/5132	Library Resources for Children	3
SLS 6223	School Library Curriculum Development	3
SLS 6225	Leadership in the School Library Program	3
SLS 6230	Technologies for Libraries	3
SLS 6250	Information Resources for Inquiry Learning	3
SLS 6290	Practicum	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

### Licensure Preparation for Endorsement 109 5-12 School Teacher Librarian

Completion of the following courses leads to endorsement 109 5-12 School Teacher Librarian. The program is open to students who hold or have completed coursework for teaching licensure. Students completing the following set of courses are eligible for the 5-12 School Teacher Librarian endorsement if they hold or are eligible to hold a teaching license. In order to be recommended through UNI, all courses must be on your UNI transcript.

Required:

School Library Studies:	
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SLS 4114/5114	Introduction to the School Library Program	3
SLS 4115/5115	Organization of Information	3
SLS 4134/5134	Library Resources for Young Adults	3
SLS 6223	School Library Curriculum Development	3
SLS 6225	Leadership in the School Library Program	3
SLS 6230	Technologies for Libraries	3
SLS 6250	Information Resources for Inquiry Learning	3
SLS 6290	Practicum	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

## Master of Arts in Education Degree Programs

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers three Master of Arts in Education degree programs. The student must complete the professional core, required courses in the program, and electives, if any, for a specified number of semester hours in the program of study.

### Major in Early Childhood Education

This program is designed to improve the students' competence in teaching young children and in providing leadership for program development and implementation.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

**Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.**

The degree program in this major requires a **minimum of 30 semester hours for non-thesis option or a minimum of 33 semester hours for thesis option.**

Students completing the **thesis** option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination prepared and administered by the thesis committee. The examination will be comprehensive in nature and will normally accompany the thesis defense. Students completing the thesis option must include 6 hours of EMECEMML 6299 Research on the program of study. Students completing the **non-thesis** option are required to complete:

1. The department graduate research requirement
2. A performance-based and/or standard-based measure demonstrating student competency upon completion of the program.

Required professional core:

MEASRES 6205	Educational Research	3
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EDPSYCH 6214	Foundations of Instructional Psychology	3
Curriculum and Instruction:		
ECE 6201	Issues and Trends in Early Childhood Curriculum	2
ELEMECEMML 6205	Technology in Early Childhood Education	2
ELEMECEMML 6210	Diversity in Early Childhood Education: Theory and Practice	3
LITED 6212	Methods and Materials in Literacy Education	3
ELEMECEMML 6214	Recent Research in Early Childhood Education	3
ELEMECEMML 6221	Analysis and Design of Curriculum for Young Children	2
ELEMECEMML 6236	Assessment in Early Childhood	2
ECE 6289	Seminar in Early Childhood Education (or 2-4 credits of approved electives)	2-4
Research:		3 or 6
ELEMECEMML 6299	Research Thesis Option (6 hours)	
Non-thesis Option (3 hours)		
Total hours thesis option		33
Total hours non-thesis option		30

### Major in Elementary Education

This program is designed to improve the student's effectiveness as a classroom teacher, instructional leader, curriculum developer, and action researcher.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

**Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.**

The degree program in this major requires a **minimum of 30 semester hours for non-thesis option or a minimum of 33 semester hours for thesis option.**

Students completing the **thesis** option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination prepared and administered by the thesis committee. This comprehensive examination will normally accompany the thesis defense. Students on the thesis option must include 6 hours of EMECEMML 6299 Research on the program of study. Students completing the **non-thesis** option are required to complete the department graduate research requirement.

Required Professional Core:

EDPSYCH 6214	Foundations of Instructional Psychology	3
MEASRES 6205	Educational Research	3
Curriculum and Instruction:		
LITED 6212	Methods and Materials in Literacy Education	3
ELEMECML 6201	Issues and Trends in Curriculum	3
ELEMECML 4141/5141	Integrated Activities in Elementary School STEM	3
ELEMECML 6242	Analysis and Improvement of Science Instruction in the Elementary School	3
ELEMECML 6243	Analysis and Improvement of Social Studies Instruction in the Elementary School	3
ELEMECML 6289	Seminar in Education	6
Research:		3 or 6
ELEMECML 6299	Research	
Thesis Option (6 hours)		
Non-thesis Option (3 hours)		
Total hours (non-thesis option)		30
Total hours (thesis option)		33

### Major in Literacy Education

This program is designed to develop and extend the expertise of educators in both leadership and classroom positions who wish to specialize in the area of literacy education. Students examine theories, programs and practices in the teaching of literacy, the evaluation of literacy development and the integration of literacy across curricular areas.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNIverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

In addition to the university requirements for admission to graduate study, admission to this program includes the following requirements:

1. Two recommendations from professional educators
2. Satisfactory completion of writing examination. Preference may be given to applications with academic background and/or professional experience in education.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

**Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.**

The degree program in this major requires a **minimum of 30 semester hours for non-thesis option or a minimum of 33 semester hours for thesis option.**

Students completing the **thesis** option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination prepared and administered by the thesis committee. This comprehensive examination will normally accompany the thesis defense. Students on the thesis option must include 6 hours of LITED 6299 Research on the program of study. Students completing the **non-thesis** option are required to complete

1. The department graduate research requirement
2. A performance-based and/or standard-based measure demonstrating student competency upon completion of the program.

Students that begin the Master's program with an Iowa reading endorsement (K-8 or 5-12), will need to complete the entire Master's program at UNI in order for UNI to make a recommendation for license with the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners for Reading Specialist K-12 endorsement.

Students who did not begin the Master's program with an Iowa reading endorsement (K-8 or 5-12), will need to include an additional six (6) hours of coursework at 5000-level (LITED 4147/5147 Advanced Literacy Practices and LITED 4192/5192 Experience in Literacy: Tutoring), in order to complete the Reading Specialist K-12 endorsement and have UNI make a recommendation for license with the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. Students may include the additional six hours in their program of study for the M.A.E. Literacy Education, or students may complete the six hours of UNI coursework post M.A.E.

Required Professional Core:

EDPSYCH 6216	Advances in Educational Psychology: The Psychology of Literacy	3
MEASRES 6205	Educational Research	3
Literacy Education:		21
LITED 6212	Methods and Materials in Literacy Education	
LITED 6238	Advanced Assessment and Evaluation of Literacy Development	
LITED 6239	Advanced Literacy Curriculum Studies	
LITED 6240	Language Development and Variability	
LITED 6245	Ideological, Cultural, and Sociopolitical Issues in Children's Literature	
LITED 6260	Roles of the Reading Specialist	
LITED 6290	Practicum	
Literacy Education Research Requirement:		3 or 6
LITED 6299	Research	
Thesis Option (6 hours)		
Non-thesis Option (3 hours)		
Total hours (non-thesis option)		30
Total hours (thesis option)		33

## Doctor of Education Degree Program

The Doctor of Education Degree is one degree supervised through the College of Education. It can be completed with one of the following *Intensive Study Area* concentrations:

- *Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services*
- *Curriculum and Instruction*
- *Educational Leadership*
- *Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs*

Students interested in the interdisciplinary Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <https://admissions.uni.edu/application>.

This program is intended to provide practicing educators, informal and nonformal settings, the opportunity to continue their study and earn the terminal professional degree in their field. The Ed.D. degree requires a **minimum of 48 semester hours of credit beyond the master's degree**. There are three components to the program:

Professional Common Core (work in educational foundations, fundamentals, and research)	24
Advanced Professional Study (in one of three areas of intensive study)	15
Dissertation	9
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>48</b>

By design, *all* students are required to study in basic areas that undergird and define educational practice and develop skills of problem definition, data collection and analysis, and interpretation. The four areas of intensive study provide for a specialized focus on practice.

**Note:** Students interested in special education within the Curriculum and Instruction ISA or the Educational Leadership ISA should consult the respective ISA descriptions for further information.

In some areas, it is possible to combine doctoral degree study with work toward an endorsement to perform a particular role in K-12 education.

**Brief definitions of the four ISAs follows:**

### Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services

This area of intensive study is designed to provide students with advanced planning, management, supervision and evaluation of programs in the community and its institutions. The combined areas of allied health, recreation and community services are diverse professional areas knitted together by a unified commitment to enhancing, enriching and sustaining the individual and collective well-being of people, communities and society as a whole. Graduates are prepared for careers as applied scholars, evaluators, or practitioners in public and environmental health departments, recreation and tourism industry; allied health and social services agencies; the military, government, and non-governmental agencies; religious organizations; libraries and museums; and civic and professional associations. The

program of study will be based upon students' needs, interests, and upon approval by an academic advisor and program of study committee. (For more information, contact the Head of the Department of Health, Recreation and community Services.)

### Curriculum and Instruction

This area of intensive study is designed to prepare scholar practitioners to plan, implement, evaluate, and supervise educational programs for children, from infancy through adolescence, and adult learners, inclusive of a wide variety of diversity. Faculty in this intensive study area come from many departments and disciplines including, but not limited to, prekindergarten through tertiary curriculum and pedagogy; foundations of education in psychology, philosophy, social sciences; disability studies in education, gifted and talented, and multicultural education; literacy education; instructional technology, school library studies; and P-12 content areas such as mathematics, physical education, science, social studies, and language arts. Students interested in becoming special education scholar-practitioners to plan, implement, evaluate, and supervise educational programs for children and adult learners with an emphasis on inclusion and diversity will apply for admission through the Curriculum and Instruction Intensive Study Area. For more information see [www.uni.edu/coe/departments/curriculum-instruction/graduate-study/doctoral-study](http://www.uni.edu/coe/departments/curriculum-instruction/graduate-study/doctoral-study).

### Educational Leadership

This area of intensive study in education administration prepares personnel for leadership positions in PK-12 schools, post-secondary institutions, and other educational services or settings. Typical positions held by educators with the terminal degree focused on educational leadership include: principals, superintendents, school district central office administrators, professors of educational leadership, special education directors at the Area Education Agency level or Department of Education administrators and consultants. Students interested in special education administration will apply for admission through Educational Psychology, Foundations, and Leadership Studies. (For more information, contact the Head, Department of Educational Psychology, Foundations, and Leadership Studies, or please see the catalog at [www.uni.edu/catalog/collegeofeducation/edpsychfoundleadershipstudies](http://www.uni.edu/catalog/collegeofeducation/edpsychfoundleadershipstudies) or visit the Department of Educational Psychology, Foundations, and Leadership Studies website at <https://coe.uni.edu/epfls>.

### Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs

This area of intensive study in postsecondary education prepares personnel for leadership positions in colleges and universities. Typical positions held by educators with the terminal degree focused on postsecondary education include: department heads, directors, vice presidents, professors, and consultants. (For more information, contact the Head, Department of Educational Psychology, Foundations, and Leadership Studies, or please see the catalog at [www.uni.edu/catalog/collegeofeducation/edpsychfoundleadershipstudies](http://www.uni.edu/catalog/collegeofeducation/edpsychfoundleadershipstudies) or visit the Department of Educational Psychology, Foundations, and Leadership Studies website at <https://coe.uni.edu/epfls>.

### Program Certificates

The University of Northern Iowa makes available, in addition to traditional programs, the opportunity for students to earn program certificates. Program certificates provide an alternative to programs leading to a degree, a major, or a minor; they certify that an individual has completed a program approved by the university. For information

on the following certificates, contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction or the Office of the Registrar, which serves as the centralized registry.

### Education of the Gifted Certificate

The Certificate in Education of the Gifted is a four-course sequence at the undergraduate or graduate level that satisfies the State of Iowa endorsement requirements in Education of the Gifted. These four courses are to be taken in a sequence, as they build upon each other. The entire sequence can be completed during one Fall and one Spring semester and are generally offered online. The first course is generally offered during the first 8 weeks of Fall semester; the second course is offered the second 8 weeks of Fall semester; the third course is offered the first 8 weeks of Spring semester; the final practicum course is offered during the entire Spring semester.

ELEMECML 4154/5154	The Gifted and Talented	3
ELEMECML 4156/5156	Educational Strategies for Gifted and Talented	3
ELEMECML 4157/5157	Coordinating Programs for the Gifted and Talented	3
ELEMECML 4158/5158	Practicum in Education of the Gifted	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

### Learning Technologies Facilitator Certificate

This certificate is designed to provide educators/instructional designers the essentials in creating and using digital learning environments. Courses will equip students with skills to design, develop, and facilitate digital learning environments. Those earning the certificate will serve as instructional design leaders in their field.

No prerequisites required.

Required:

Instructional Technology:		12
LRNTECH 4131/5131	Exploring Issues and Trends in Learning Technologies	
LRNTECH 4153/5153	Developing Digital Learning Environments	
LRNTECH 6215	Designing and Implementing Professional Development	
LRNTECH 6240	Understanding Instructional Design	

### Advanced Studies Certificate: Literacy Coach

#### Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL): Literacy Coach Preparation Program

Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL) is a systemic school transformation model. The University of Northern Iowa's Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy is one of seven national preparation sites for the PCL program. Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy coaches provide professional development to teachers in schools that are implementing PCL.

The Partnerships in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL) Coach program is administered by the Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy.

The PCL program is intended for practicing educators whose school, district, or Area Education Agency apply for admission to the Jacobson Center's PCL program and who seek to be the Literacy Coach in their school, district, or Area Education Agency. Students take courses over the course of a full academic year, beginning with a summer course. The program includes 21 hours of UNI graduate-credit coursework. Courses include the following:

<b>Summer (Summer Institute)</b>		<b>3</b>
LITED 7310	Coaching in the Comprehensive Literacy Model	
Students attend a four-day institute at the Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy in Cedar Falls and complete coursework online following the institute.		
OR		
LITED 7320	Coaching in the Comprehensive Intervention Model	
Students attend a four-day institute at the Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy in Cedar Falls and complete coursework online following the institute.		
<b>Fall:</b>		
LITED 7304	Literacy Leadership I	3
LITED 7307	Theories of Reading and Writing Processes	3
ELEMECML 6201	Issues and Trends in Curriculum	3
<b>Spring:</b>		
LITED 7305	Literacy Leadership II	3
LITED 7306	Theories of Reading Difficulties	3
LITED 6260 or LITED 7397	Roles of the Reading Specialist Practicum in Reading	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

An abbreviated PCL Coach Certificate Program is proposed for previously trained Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders (Reading Recovery Teacher Leader preparation is an 18-hour graduate level program completed at one of 20 Reading Recovery Training Centers approved by the Reading Recovery of North American Trainers Group. A transcript review will be conducted for all Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders who did not complete their program at UNI.)

UNI-trained Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders, or Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders trained at another university training site and have a satisfactory transcript review, who wish to become CIM Literacy Coaches will take courses over the course of a full academic year, beginning with a summer course. The program includes 6 hours of UNI graduate-credit coursework. Courses include the following:

<b>Summer (Summer Institute):</b>		
LITED 7320	Coaching in the Comprehensive Intervention Model	3

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Students attend a four-day institute at the Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy in Cedar Falls and complete coursework online following the institute.

### Spring:

LITED 7397	Practicum in Reading	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

During the Fall and Spring semesters, PCL literacy coaches-in-preparation begin working on implementation of the PCL model in their schools, districts, or AEAs. This task is the central focus of the preparation program and is tightly integrated with all coursework. Literacy coaches make monthly visits to the UNI campus for classes that typically last two or three days. Additional coursework occurs via online formats, including eLearning, Polycom Telepresence, and Zoom.us. Jacobson Center faculty also conduct site visits to participants' schools, districts, or AEAs.

Coursework generally consists of readings that are directly related to the implementation of the PCL model; small-group discussion of the readings; observation of PCL model schools, classrooms, and meetings; planning for implementation; and reflection on implementation. These tasks are accomplished not only during the on-campus class meetings but also through online activities that occur outside of on-campus meetings. In their schools during the preparation year, coaches can expect to teach a small group of students, work intensely with model classroom teachers, conduct and facilitate professional development sessions of various types with their school faculty, and work with their principal to establish meeting routines as well as school-wide assessment and instructional systems. These tasks also comprise the bulk of the class assignments, in addition to compilation of a portfolio documenting students' completion of the tasks.

### Admission requirements:

Literacy coach applicants must:

1. hold a master's degree in literacy education or other related field;
2. hold a valid teaching license;
3. be employed as literacy coach in their school, district, or AEA or be under contract to be the literacy coach during the preparation year;
4. have a minimum of three years of teaching experience; and
5. meet UNI requirements for admission to graduate study.

## Advanced Studies Certificate: Reading Recovery Teacher Leader

### Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Preparation Program

Reading Recovery (RR) is a trademarked literacy intervention model with extensive research documenting its effectiveness. What Works Clearinghouse and the Response to Intervention Center (both of which are part of the USDE), have awarded Reading Recovery with the highest ratings. The Reading Recovery Center of Iowa, housed within the Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy at the University of Northern Iowa, is one of only 20 RR University Training Centers approved by the RR North American Trainers Group.

The RR Teacher Leader (RRTL) program is intended for practicing educators whose school districts or Area Education Agencies (AEAs)

apply for admission to the Reading Recovery Center of Iowa's RRTL program and who seek to be the RRTL in his/her school district or AEA. Students take courses over the course of a full academic year, beginning with the fall semester. The program includes 18 hours of UNI graduate-credit coursework. Courses include the following:

### Fall:

LITED 7302	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Clinical I	3
LITED 7304	Literacy Leadership I	3
LITED 7307	Theories of Reading and Writing Processes	3

### Spring:

LITED 7303	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Clinical II	3
LITED 7305	Literacy Leadership II	3
LITED 7306	Theories of Reading Difficulties	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

RRTLs attend classes on the UNI Campus or in the field. Additional coursework occurs via online formats, including UNI eLearning, Polycom Telepresence, and Zoom.us. A faculty member who is a RR Trainer or a Teacher Leader who is an instructor in the Jacobson Center also conducts site visits to participants' school districts or AEAs.

Coursework generally consists of readings that are directly related to the implementation of RR, small-group discussion of the readings, observation of RR lessons and RR teacher classes, planning for implementation, and reflection on implementation. These tasks are accomplished not only during the on-campus class meetings but also through online and field activities that occur outside of on-campus meetings. In their schools during the preparation year, RRTLs teach four RR students daily, and observe and practice leading RR teacher preparation classes.

### Admission requirements:

RRTL applicants must:

1. hold a master's degree in literacy education or other related field;
2. hold a valid teaching license;
3. be employed as RRTL in their school district or AEA or be under contract to be the RRTL during the preparation year;
4. have a minimum of three years of teaching experience; and
5. meet UNI requirements for admission to graduate study.

## Early Childhood Education Teaching, B.A.

1. Use guidance strategies to create positive classroom climate in an EC classroom setting.
2. Plan and implement curriculum that incorporates child-initiated inquiry learning.
3. Plan and implement environmental and instructional adaptations for children with diverse abilities.

4. Conduct observational recording of assessment data that aligns with curriculum and content standards.

advocacy for strong school library programs, resources or services among stakeholders.

### **Elementary Education Teaching, B.A.**

1. Students will demonstrate their content knowledge and skills through their planning, implementation, and assessment of classroom-based activities. Program Content Knowledge
2. Students will analyze their pedagogical content knowledge and skills during planning, implementation, and assessment of classroom-based activities. Pedagogical Content Knowledge
3. Students will synthesize in writing their experiences in the field and course coursework to explain their Philosophy of Teaching. Written Communication.

### **Early Childhood Education, M.A.E.**

Upon completion of the MAE in Early Childhood Education program, students will:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking skills through their summary, critique and synthesis of early childhood theory and research. Critical thinking
2. Use effective written communication to convey findings from a critical review of research literature. Written Communication
3. Analyze evidence-based recommendations for professionals on current and emerging issues in early childhood education. Program Content Knowledge

### **Middle Level Education Dual Major Teaching, B.A.**

1. Students describe key concepts of middle school design, programs, and practices for meeting the needs of young adolescents in grades 5-8. Program Content Knowledge
2. Students design curriculum to incorporate national and state standards and strategies for instruction, differentiation, and assessment for addressing the cognitive characteristics and needs of young adolescents in grades 5-8. Critical Thinking
3. Students describe their philosophy of classroom management, incorporating sound theory and models presented throughout the course, and provide examples of how they can apply that philosophy in the middle level context. Written Communication

### **Elementary Education, M.A.E.**

1. As part of 6243 Analysis and Improvement of Social Studies Instruction in the Elementary School course students will develop a Social Studies Action Plan that demonstrates their connection of theory to practice in two of the following three thematic areas: democratic practice, social justice, or service learning. Critical Thinking
2. Students will design an IRB approved collaborative action research study. Program Content Knowledge
3. Students will conduct an IRB approved collaborative action research study and write a formal research paper including the following sections: Introduction, Literature Review, Methods, Results, & Discussion.

### **Learning Technologies and Instructional Design, M.A.**

1. Students will demonstrate academic writing through the development of a literature review in their culminating masters paper.
2. Students will apply instructional design principles and the Understanding by Design framework to create digital learning environments.
3. Students will demonstrate their use of safe, legal, and ethical practices with digital tools through the development of an instructional unit for K-12 students.

### **Literacy Education, M.A.E.**

1. Students will identify a self-selected topic of inquiry and produce a related review of research.
2. Students will synthesize content from the course and apply connections to a common course text.
3. Students will expand upon an identified key issue and produce a rationale grounded in current research.
4. Students will demonstrate knowledge and application of literacy assessments used to develop instruction for students who struggle with literacy learning.
5. Students will identify a problem of practice or topic of interest, conduct original literacy research or an in-depth review of related literature, and produce a written final artifact (paper, project, theses).

### **School Library Studies, M.A.**

1. Teach multiple strategies to locate, evaluate, and ethically use information in the context of inquiry-based learning for elementary and secondary teachers.
2. Develop a thematically or conceptually focused collection of reading and informational materials in print and digital formats that support the diverse developmental, cultural, social and linguistic needs of all learners and their communities.
3. Implement the principles of effective teaching and learning that contribute to an active, inquiry-based approach to learning in a digital environment at the elementary and secondary levels.
4. Identify a professional problem that is embedded in their practice, is in need of guidance and leadership, and is instrumental for their