

# Elementary Education

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The Elementary Education program in the TELS department offers a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in either mathematics or science education. The Master's program prepares teacher leaders who possess strong specialized content knowledge in mathematics or science and a deep understanding of how elementary students learn. The program, designed for those who already hold a current teaching license, is especially tailored to provide candidates with leadership and application skills to transfer their knowledge to their work with elementary school teachers and students.

The program classes are online with many synchronous (real time meetings with the professor and your classmates) classes that align with teachers' schedules and some asynchronous (on your own schedule).

The coursework for the mathematics and science concentrations are approved by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Therefore, graduates of the M.Ed. program are eligible to receive an "add-on" to their North Carolina K-6 teaching license from the Department of Public Instruction designating them as a mathematics or science specialist. The College of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## Admission Requirements

Elementary Education Master's program: Application requirements include a 500-800 word statement describing your background and professional goals, transcripts, reference letters, and a copy of your teaching license. The Graduate School requires a 3.0 GPA in your undergraduate program. The best qualified applicants will be accepted up to the limited number of spaces available for new students.

For the M.S. degree, a minimum of 33 hours is required. The M.S. degree requires a thesis and final oral examination approved by the graduate committee. If an MS is your goal, it is your responsibility to secure an advisor in advance who agrees to supervise this thesis research.

## Degrees

- Elementary Education (MEd) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/elementary-education/elementary-education-med/>)
- Elementary Education (MS) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/elementary-education/elementary-education-ms/>)

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