The Program

The Liberal Studies Elementary Education program provides focused, hands-on university coursework aligned with clinical practice in elementary schools that allows undergraduate students who complete the Integrated Credential Pathway* to earn a bachelor’s degree, and to be recommended for a Multiple Subject Credential in four years. A Non-Integrated Pathway is available for students who wish to earn a bachelor’s degree only.

Students completing this program will have:
- demonstrated an ability to work effectively with diverse students, parents, colleagues, staff, and others in the community;
- developed and maintain safe, positive, and productive educational environments;
- used research-based practice to inform their work;
- demonstrated a coherent theoretical framework of learning and human development that supports reflection on their practice;
- collaborated on efforts to improve educational opportunities for all students.

Additionally, candidates in the LSEE Program acquire the knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives necessary to:
- demonstrate subject matter content knowledge aligned to the California K-8 Content standards in language arts, mathematics, science, history/social science, health, physical education, and the visual and performing arts as outlined in the Standards of Program Quality and Effectiveness for the Subject Matter Requirement for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
- apply pedagogical content knowledge to teach specific subjects clearly and knowledgeably and to effectively integrate pedagogical content knowledge and skill across disciplines in lesson design and implementation.

The carefully sequenced academic plan provides:
- excellent preparation to teach elementary school subjects including language arts, mathematics, science, history/social science, health, physical education, visual and performing arts;
- courses that focus on 21st century teaching approaches;
- a series of structured classroom experiences with students from kindergarten to 8th grade;
- dedicated faculty and advisors;
- support to complete university and credential requirements including subject matter competency;

Students must complete the Certificate of Clearance from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and provide proof of tuberculin clearance and rubella immunization to participate in the clinically-based LSEE classes that begin in the freshman year.

Requirements for the Degree

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 67-82. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all major requirements.

Students who complete the LSEE Lower Division Core will have met Lower Division GE and American Institutions requirements. Students who change out of the LSEE major are encouraged to contact the Office of the Registrar or the Academic & Career Advising Center regarding completion of degree requirements.

Lower Division Core

BIOL 104 (3) General Biology
COMM 100 (3) Fundamentals of Speech Communication
CD 209 (3) Middle Child Development
COMM 103 (3) Critical Listening & Thinking
CRGS 108 (3) Power/Privilege: Gender & Race
EDUC 285 (3) Technology Skills for Educators
ENGL 104* (3) Accelerated Composition & Rhetoric
ENGL 105 (3) Literature, Media & Culture
GEOL 109 (4) General Geology [or other Lower Division GE Area B: Physical Universe course]
HIST 104 (3) Western Civilization to 1650
HIST 110 (3) United States History to 1877
LSEE 101 (4) Foundations of Teaching
LSEE 211 (4) Developmental Literacy
LSEE 212 (4) Language and Literacy
PSCI 110 (3) American Government

Plus one of the following:
ES 106 (3) Introduction to Black Studies
ES 107 (3) Chicano/Latino Lives
WS 107 (3) Woman, Culture, History

Plus one of the following:
TA 104 (4) Story Through Word & Image
DANC 103 (3) Modern/Contemporary I
DANC 104 (3) Modern/Contemporary II

Plus one of the following:
MATH 103 (3) Mathematics as a Liberal Art
MATH 103i (3) Mathematics as a Liberal Art with Integrated Support [Coreq: MATH 3]

MATH 108 (3) Critical Thinking in Mathematics

Upper Division Core

ART 358 (3) Art Structure
LSEE 308 (4) Algebra, Geometry, and Data in the Elementary Classroom
LSEE 313 (4) Science for Elementary Education
LSEE 315 (4) Social Science for Elementary Education
LSEE 316 (4) Language Arts for Elementary Education
LSEE 317 (4) Number Sense & Operations in Elementary School Math

*or ENGL 102 & ENGL 103 Composition & Rhetoric A & B or ENGL 104S
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Integrated Credential Senior Year Pathway**

Admission Requirements
Admission into the Senior Year Integrated Credential Pathway requires:
- An overall GPA at or above 2.67 in all baccalaureate course work.
- Junior status (earned 60 semester units)
- Satisfactory completion of all program core courses and other requirements, including passing the Graduation Proficiency Exam (GWPE).
- Pass with a C- or better: EDUC 285; equivalent course at another regionally accredited institution, or California Subject Examination for Teachers (Test Code 133 and 134).
- Current CPR certification from the American Red Cross Community CPR, or equivalent training in adult, child and infant CPR.
- Proof of tuberculin clearance (chest x-ray or skin test) and rubella immunization
- A Certificate of Clearance from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- Verification of passing a basic skills exam (Details are available on the School of Education website humboldt.edu/education)
- Verification of passing the CSET in Multiple Subjects

Integrated Credential Pathway Requirements
The LSEE Integrated Credential Pathway program includes courses needed to apply to and complete the teacher credential program. Upper division GE Area C and D requirements are fulfilled by completion of the following coursework.

The following credential pathway professional education courses must be completed with no grade lower than a C, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 must be maintained.

LSEE 415 [4] Integrated Art, Language Arts and Social Studies I
LSEE 416 [4] Integrated Art, Language Arts & Social Studies II
LSEE 423 [4] School, Student & Social Development
LSEE 475 [4] Health & Physical Education

Capstone
LSEE 455 [4] Senior Credential/ Capstone

Additional Requirements
Pay professional liability insurance fee, required by the CSU and local school districts prior to student teaching ($20)
Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA)
Pass the Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)

Non-Integrated Senior Year Pathway
This pathway is designed for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree only or have not met the credential admission requirements.

Complete core courses, plus the following:

LSEE 453 [3] Senior Seminar I
LSEE 454 [3] Senior Seminar II

and
9 units in one of the following areas: child development, creative dramatics, English as a second language, music, physical education, history/social science, mathematics, psychology, Spanish, studio art or science.

Programs Leading to Licensure & Credentialing
Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialing requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the CSU and requirements can change at any time. For example, licensure or credentialing requirements can include evidence of the right to work in the United States (e.g., social security number or taxpayer identification number) or successfully passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements.

The CSU will not refund tuition, fees or any associated costs to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure or credentialing requirements. Information concerning licensure and credentialing requirements are available from the Office of Academic Affairs, Siemens Hall 216, 707-826-3722.

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