Elementary Certification  
(South Carolina – Grades 2-6)*

### General Education Requirements (Specific to Certification Requirements):

- Both a biological and a physical science course with one course having a separate lab experience (4)
- One course that fulfills the Mathematical and Formal Reasoning requirement (4)

### Foundation Courses:

- EDU 111: Perspectives on American Education (Education Laboratory 001 included) (4)
- EDU 120: Human Development (4)
- EDU 221: Students with Exceptionalities (Prerequisites: EDU 111, 120) (4)

### Methods Courses:

- EDU 200: Health Education and Physical Activity (Prerequisite: EDU-120) (4)
- EDU 305: Arts Integration in the Elementary Grades (Prerequisite: To be taken sophomore year or later and have completed EDU-111 or EDU-120) (4)
- EDU 330: Literacy Foundations and Instruction in PK--3 (4)
- EDU 331: Literacy Processes and Instruction in Grades 2-6 (4)
- EDU 332: Social Studies in Grades PK-6 (4)
- EDU 333: Science in Grades PK-6 (lab included - **effective Fall 2019**) (4)

### Spring Term Practicum/Senior Block (16 Hours):

- EDU 430: Assessment for Instructional Planning (3)
- EDU 431: Diverse School Cultures (3)
- EDU 432: Integrating Curriculum and Technology in Grades PK-6 (3)
- EDU 434: Content Literacy Strategies and Modifications for Diverse Learners (3)
- EDU 470: Practicum in Teaching (4)

Note: EDU-330, EDU-331, EDU-430, EDU-431, and EDU-434 satisfy the requirements outlined in South Carolina’s Read to Succeed legislation.

### Student Teaching Internship (Fall Term After Graduation):

- EDEP 670: Teaching Internship (6)

### Courses Outside the Department:

- **MTH 301: Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I (4)
- **MTH 302: Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II (4)

** MTH 301 and MTH 302 do not fulfill the Mathematical and Formal Reasoning requirement toward graduation.

Note: Courses with an EDU prefix and GGY-230 (Principles of Geography) may not be taken P/NP by Education majors.

### The Following (See Education Department):

Application for Furman Teacher Education Program.

**SOPHOMORE YEAR:** Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (Test Code 5713); Writing (Test Code 5723); and Mathematics (Test Code 5733) to be taken prior to junior year. (Note: Teacher candidates who have certain SAT(and/or ACT) scores may be exempt from taking Praxis Core or portions thereof. Please refer to Application Checklist at: [https://www.furman.edu/academics/education/program-overview/program-admission/](https://www.furman.edu/academics/education/program-overview/program-admission/) for state exemption requirements options).

**JUNIOR YEAR (SPRING):** Praxis Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge (Test Code 5511)

**SENIOR YEAR:** Praxis Subject Tests - Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching - to be taken no later than January 1 of senior year

Test Code 7811 (Combined): Combined test includes all four subtests below. Candidates may take combined test or individual subtests after successful completion of specific content and methods courses.

- Test Code 7812 – Reading and Language Arts Subtest (minimum score: 161)
- Test Code 7813 – Mathematics Subtest (minimum score: 150)
- Test Code 7814 – Science Subtest (minimum score: 154)
- Test Code 7815 – Social Studies Subtest (minimum score: 162)

**Praxis Test (Computerized): Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Grades K-6 (Test Code 5622) (minimum score: 160) to be taken no later than March 15 of senior year** (Registration dates provided in August of the senior year)

**NOTE:** Passing scores for both the Praxis Content and PLT exams must be on record to enter the Internship following graduation.

Apply for Approved South Carolina Teacher Certification in Elementary Education (Application and fingerprinting information provided Fall of the senior year).

* If you are interested in teaching in the early grades (Pre-K-3rd) or Special Education (Pre-K-12), please ask your advisor about Furman’s approved programs in Early Childhood Education and Special Education (one course taken at the undergraduate level may allow you to complete the Master of Arts degree as early as the second summer following graduation).