

Elementary Education

at Coastal Carolina University

What does an elementary education major study?

The elementary education program prepares candidates to meet the educational requirements for South Carolina licensure in elementary education in grades 2-6. The elementary education program provides authentic learning experiences through campus and field-based participatory learning. Students pursuing a degree in elementary education are involved in challenging and productive learning experiences which include study in the core areas of English, math, science and social studies as well as art, music, health and physical education. Coupled with nationally acclaimed, in-depth attention to the study of child growth and development, educational psychology, teaching methodology, technology, and focused off-campus clinical experiences, these studies offer students a program rich in practical growth opportunities.

Why study elementary education at Coastal Carolina University?

- The Spadoni College is nationally accredited by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) as well as the South Carolina Board of Education.
- Horry County is the third largest school district in the state of South Carolina.
- Students who earn a degree from Coastal Carolina University and South Carolina licensure can teach in all 50 states.
- The elementary education program includes extensive clinical experiences in area schools, beginning in the first semester of study in education and continuing through the internship experience at the end of the program. Clinical field work begins with a focus on guided observation experiences, followed by expectations for individual, small group and whole-class instruction.
- Coastal Carolina University offers two student organizations for education majors: Education Club and the national education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

How are students admitted to the program?

Candidates may complete a formal application for admission to the professional program in teacher education (PPTE) when they have completed at least 60 hours of college level coursework and have met the following requirements:

- Earn at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA;
- Earn a "C" or better in ENGL 101, ENGL 102 or 211, EDUC 111, and EDUC 204 (PE majors must also pass EDPE 131 and early childhood education majors must pass EDUC 276);
- Earn passing scores on all three areas of Praxis I or meet the exemption policy;
- Successfully clear a criminal background check; and
- Complete a Professional Behavior and Dispositions Self-Evaluation.

Candidates are reviewed for acceptance by the Portal I Faculty Committee.

What kind of courses do elementary education majors take?

EDEL 341	Elementary School Curriculum and Organization
EDEL 388	Teaching of Science - Elementary Education
EDEL 471	Assessment and Evaluation of Literacy
EDEL 472	Classroom Management for Diverse Settings

Whom can I contact for more information?

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- Students can also obtain more information at www.coastal.edu/education.

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