Description of the Major:

The Elementary Education Program prepares candidates to meet the educational requirements for South Carolina licensure in elementary education (grades 2-6). Students pursuing this degree develop their knowledge, skills and dispositions through challenging, inquiry-based learning experiences; these include study in the core areas of literacy, mathematics, science and social studies, as well as art, music, health and physical education. Together with an in-depth study of child growth and development, educational psychology, teaching methodology, instructional technology, and focused, off-campus clinical experiences, the Elementary Education Program offers students a program rich in practicality, relevance and professional growth opportunities.

The Student Experience:

- The Spadoni College of Education is nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the South Carolina Board of Education.
- Horry County is the third largest school district in the state of South Carolina. Many CCU education graduates obtain teaching positions with Horry County Public Schools.
- Students who earn a degree from CCU and South Carolina licensure are eligible for reciprocal licensure in every other state.
- The program includes extensive clinical experiences in area schools. This field work begins in a candidate’s first education course and culminates with a semester-long student teaching internship during the candidate’s senior year. Initial field work includes interviews with teachers and guided observation and documentation of classroom events; this work is followed by expectations for candidates to conduct individual, small group and whole-class instruction.
- CCU offers two student organizations for education majors: The South Carolina Education Association Club (SCEA) and the national education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi (KDP).

Admission to the Program:

All students enter the program as pre-majors. 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 ENGL 211, EDUC 111 and EDUC 204;
- Pass all three areas of Praxis I or meet the exemption policy;
- Successfully clear a criminal background check;
- Complete a Professional Behavior and Dispositions Self-Evaluation (submitted in LiveText).

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