ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Student Learning Outcomes

The graduates of this program will consistently display the following skills in accordance with the InTASC Core Teaching Standards:

Standard #1: Learner Development—The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

Standard #2: Learning Differences—The teacher understands how children learn and develop and can provide learning opportunities that support their cognitive, social, personal, and physical development.

Standard #3: Learning Environments—The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.

Standard #4: Content Knowledge—The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Standard #5: Application of Content—The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

Standard #6: Assessment—The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.

Standard #7: Planning for Instruction—The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

Standard #8: Instructional Strategies—The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice— The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community) and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration—The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

These performance standards are evaluated using coursework, reflections, observations, performance-based rubrics, and a teacher-inquiry capstone project.

Accreditation

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accredits this baccalaureate program.

Teacher Education Program Mission Statement

The mission of the teacher education program of Great Basin College is to provide a distinctive early childhood, elementary, secondary, and special education program for rural Nevada.

The teacher education program is designed to develop competence, values, skills, and knowledge to promote lifelong learning and is distinctive in the following ways:

- We recognize and value diversity in the heritage and traditions of the region;
- We collaborate with school districts across Nevada to offer early and extensive clinical and field experiences throughout the programs;
- We utilize the professional expertise and contributions of faculty and staff in all academic disciplines; and,
- We utilize technology for distance education and delivering education courses throughout Nevada.

Academic Advising

It is highly recommended that students interested in pursuing a degree in elementary education seek advisement early in their academic program to ensure efficient advancement through the program. The course of study in elementary education involves the proper sequencing of methods courses with field experiences. All students are encouraged to schedule appointments with their advisors on a regular basis. Program degree requirements and licensure requirements may change.

Contact the education department, 775.327.2132, to schedule an appointment with your advisor.

Prior to being accepted into the teacher education program, students must successfully complete the following:

- Teacher Education Program Application form for admission.
- Praxis Core for Educators or CBEST (documentation of passing scores on all three tests, reading, writing, and math, must be received by application deadline.
- 40 college credits.
- Completion of ENG 102 and EDU 250 with a grade of C- or higher and completion of Math 120/120E or higher with a C before acceptance.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher, based on the student's most recent 40 credits.
- Official transcripts from all other colleges sent to GBC's admissions and records office.
- Technology and education courses completed within the last eight years.
- A review of conduct with the student conduct officer.

After students have met all of the program requirements, they will be accepted into the Teacher Education Program. Contact the education department to receive a copy of the most current GBC teacher education program admission handbook.

Endorsement Areas

Students majoring in elementary education will select a subject area endorsement, which will strengthen them as teachers and may improve their employability. The following subject endorsement areas are offered at Great Basin College:

- Early Childhood Education Endorsement
- ELAD — (English Language Acquisition and Development) Endorsement
- Special Education (Generalist K-12) Endorsement
- SEAD (Social Emotional Academic Development) Endorsement

Maintaining Good Standing

Once in the program, students will adhere to the rules of the current teacher education program handbook. Students who have been admitted to the teacher education program must maintain their status as students in good standing to be allowed to student teach and graduate. The requirements are as follows:

- Maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA at GBC.

- Receive no lower than a B- in all upper-division education and endorsement requirements, and no lower than a C- in all additional baccalaureate programs and emphasis courses.
- Maintain an ethical and professional standard of behavior.
- Receive satisfactory evaluations in field work.

Student Teaching Internship

Applications for the student teaching internships must be completed during the last semester of coursework. Students who plan to student teach in the fall semester must submit an application by February 15. Students who plan to student teach in the spring semester must submit an application by September 15.

Students must hold a current substitute license, have maintained a 2.5 cumulative GPA at GBC, receive satisfactory evaluation in field work, and have taken or be registered for the Praxis II.

During the student teaching internship semester, students are required to take the capstone seminar (EDEL 491).

Students must complete at least 15 education credits, including at least two credits in field experience classes at GBC in order to student teach.

Capstone Project

Students will be required to complete a capstone project. An introduction to the process will take place in EDEL/ EDSC 311 and development will continue throughout the program with workshops during each field experience class. Students will complete the capstone project during the student teaching internship. Presentations of the capstone projects take place immediately following the internship.

Nevada Department of Education Licensure

Requirements

According to Nevada Revised Statutes, all teaching licenses in Nevada are granted by the Nevada State Board of Education.