Degree Benefits
Highly qualified faculty, individual advising and supervised field experiences with children are the strengths of the program. Majors must successfully complete one semester of student teaching, including classroom experience at two grade levels. Certification to teach PreK - Grade 4 is awarded upon graduation and completion of state certification requirements. The College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The Career and Professional Development Center office actively aids students seeking teaching positions.

Job Options
Large surpluses of recently trained teachers no longer exist; therefore, the number of PreK – Grade 4 certified students finding professional employment has increased dramatically, especially at the PreK level.

Program Objectives
Upon successful completion of this program, PreK-Grade 4 candidates will have demonstrated competence in the following performance principles:
• Knowledge of subject matter.
• Knowledge of human development and learning.
• Adapting instruction for individual needs.
• Multiple instructional strategies.
• Classroom motivation and management skills.
• Communication skills.
• Instructional planning skills.
• Assessment of student learning.
• Professional commitment and responsibilities.
• Partnerships.
• Diversity.
• Field experience.
• Professional presentation.

In addition, the program prepares candidates to meet the standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Admission to the certification program requires:
• 2.80 GPA
• Successful completion of:
  o PAPA (Preservice Academic Performance Assessments) or state-approved equivalents
  o 3-credit American/English literature course and 3-credit English composition course
  o 6 credits of college-level math
  o ELE 200
• Current Act 34 (criminal record) Act 114 (fingerprinting) and Act 151 (child abuse) and Act 24 (Arrest or Conviction Form) clearances
• Additional assessments

The above requirements must be met during the Admission to Teacher Education window (48-65 credits).

University Resources
All students enrolled in education programs at Cal U are required to complete an electronic portfolio, which is an integral part of the student’s educational experience at the University.

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The eight-semester schedule of courses on the other side of this sheet provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester prior to student teaching.
### Freshman Year

**First Semester** ................................................................. 16 credits
- ENG 101 English Composition I ........................................... 3 crs.
- UNI 100 First Year Seminar ................................................. 1 cr.
- MAT 120 Elementary Topics in Math I ................................. 3 crs.
- PSY 216 Child Psychology Birth to Age 4 ............................ 3 crs.
- GEO/POS/ECO 102 .............................................................. 3 crs.
- General Education Course .................................................. 3 crs.

**Second Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
- Literature Course ............................................................... 3 crs.
- PSY 217 Child Psychology Age 5-9 ..................................... 3 crs.
- MAT 130 Elementary Topics in Math II ............................... 3 crs.
- General Education Course .................................................. 3 crs.
- General Education Course .................................................. 3 crs.

### Sophomore Year

**Third Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
- ELE 200 Intro to PreK-grade 4 Education ............................. 3 crs.
- ELE 220 Instruction & Assessment PreK ............................... 3 crs.
- HSC 250 Health & Physical Education for PreK-Grade 4 ........ 3 crs.
- PSY 208 Educational Psychology ........................................ 3 crs.
- General Education Course .................................................. 3 crs.

**Fourth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
- ELE 300 Emerging Literacy .................................................. 3 crs.
- ELE 310 Teaching Math/Science PreK ................................. 3 crs.
- ELE 410 PreK Field Experience ........................................... 3 crs.
- General Education Course .................................................. 3 crs.

### Junior Year

**Fifth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
- ELE 221 Instruction and Assessment K-4 ......................... 3 crs.
- ELE 301 Literacy Foundations I: Language Arts ................. 3 crs.
- ELE 302 Literacy Foundations II: Reading ......................... 3 crs.
- ESP 311 Assessing Positive Behavior Intervention ............. 3 crs.
- MUS/ART/THE 372 Creative Arts for PreK-Grade 4 ............. 3 crs.

**Sixth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits
- ELE 311 Teaching Math K-4 ............................................... 3 crs.
- ELE 321 Teaching Science K-4 .......................................... 3 crs.
- ELE 331 Teaching Social Studies K-4 ................................. 3 crs.
- ELE 411 K-4 Field Experience ........................................... 3 crs.
- EDF 333 Educational Technology ....................................... 3 crs.

**Seventh Semester** ............................................................... 18 credits
- ESP 412 Evidence Based Practices .................................... 3 crs.
- ELE 400 Issues, Advocacy, & Leadership PreK ................ 3 crs.
- EDU 350 Supporting ELL in the Classroom ....................... 3 crs.
- ELE 350 Family and Community Relations ....................... 3 crs.
- Approved Multicultural/Ethics Course .............................. 3 crs.
- General Education Course .................................................. 3 crs.

**Eighth Semester** ............................................................... 12 credits
- ELE 461 Student Teaching PreK-Grade 4 ......................... 12 crs.

### Program Contact Information

Contact the Department of Childhood Education by phone at 724-938-4135.

### Department Website

www.calu.edu/academics/programs/elementary-education