Degree Benefits
Highly qualified faculty, individual advising and supervised field experiences with children are the strengths of the program. Candidates must successfully complete one semester of student teaching, including classroom experience with general and special education students. Certification to teach grades 4-8 in specific content areas 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
The grades 4-8 certification program prepares candidates for teaching opportunities in upper elementary and middle school settings.

Program Objectives
Upon successful completion of this program, grades 4-8 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.

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 ELM 200
• Current Act 34 (criminal record) Act 114 (fingerprinting), 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 teacher 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, complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester prior to student teaching.

Programs
Grades 4-8 certification is offered in Science, Math, Social Studies, Reading/Language Arts/English, Math and Language Arts/Reading, Math & Social Studies, Science and Language Arts/Reading, Science and Social Studies.
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## Freshman Year

### First Semester
- ENG 101 English Composition I ............................................3 crs.
- UNI 100 First Year Seminar ....................................................1 cr.
- MAT 120 Elementary Topics in Math I ....................................3 crs.
- HSC 115 Current Health Issues .............................................3 crs.
- GEO/POS/ECO 102 Social Sciences Course ..........................3 crs.
- General Education Course ....................................................3 crs.

### Second Semester
- Approved Literature Course ..................................................3 crs.
- MAT 130 Elementary Topics in Math II .................................3 crs.
- General Education Courses ...................................................9 crs.

## Sophomore Year

### Third Semester
- ELM 200 Intro to Middle Level Education .............................3 crs.
- PSY 206 Adolescent Psychology ...........................................3 crs.
- Content Concentration Course .............................................3 crs.
- General Education Course ....................................................3 crs.

### Fourth Semester
- ELM 220 Instruction & Assessment in 4-8 Classrooms ............3 crs.
- PSY 208 Educational Psychology ..........................................3 crs.
- Content Concentration Course .............................................3 crs.
- General Education Course ....................................................6 crs.

## Junior Year

### Fifth Semester
- ELM 302 Language Arts Methods Assessment .......................3 crs.
- ELM 331 Social Studies Methods Assessment .......................3 crs.
- ESP 311 Assessing Positive Behavior Intervention .................3 crs.
- Content Concentration Course .............................................3 crs.
- General Education Course ....................................................3 crs.

### Sixth Semester
- ELM 301 Reading Methods Assessment ..................................3 crs.
- ELM 311 Math Methods Assessment .....................................3 crs.
- ELM 411 Field Experience Grades 4-6 .................................3 crs.
- EDU 333 Educational Technology .........................................3 crs.
- General Education Course ....................................................3 crs.

## Senior Year

### Seventh Semester
- ESP 412 Evidence Based Practices .......................................3 crs.
- Any Approved Ethics/Multicultural Course ...........................3 crs.
- EDU 350 Supporting ELL in the Classroom .........................3 crs.
- ELM 412 Field Experience Grades 7-8 .................................3 crs.
- ELM 321 Science Methods Assessment ...............................3 crs.
- Content Concentration Course .............................................3 crs.

### Eighth Semester
- ELM 461 Student Teaching ...................................................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

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## QUESTIONS

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- Cal U's main campus houses academic buildings, dining and recreation facilities, and six suite-style residence halls.
- Cal U's upper campus includes the Village apartments, athletic facilities at Roadman Park, and space for student meetings and outdoor recreation at SAI Farm.
- Cal U Global is the University's virtual campus, offering degree and certificate programs 100% online.

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## FINANCIAL AID

For information on student loans and undergraduate scholarships, visit www.calu.edu or call 1-888-412-0479.

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