The newly revised Master of Science in Education (Elementary Education) offers courses relevant to educators in early childhood and elementary education. The MSE in Elementary Education is based upon the National Board Standards for the early and middle childhood education areas. Each course is designed to meet the needs of teachers from pre-K through sixth grade.

Why should you get a Master of Science in Education degree?

- Leadership opportunities
- Increased knowledge of more effective teaching and assessment strategies
- Opportunity to receive support and feedback from peers in the program
- Salary increase

Student Learning Outcomes

The graduate with a Master of Science in Education degree in Elementary Education will use the knowledge and skills obtained in the program to:

- Demonstrate a commitment to students and their learning.
- Understand the subjects he/she teaches and how to teach those subjects to students.
- Be responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.
- Think systematically about his/her practice and learn from experience.
- Demonstrate his/her commitment as a member of learning communities.

Our Mission

The mission of the Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education is to prepare individuals as professional educators who:

- serve an ever-changing, diverse population;
- support children, families, schools and communities;
- address global, technological and other present and future issues;
- are competent and knowledgeable about the concepts and principles of human development;
- model life-long learning and best instructional practices; and
- initiate research and other scholarly activities.
Requirements for Acceptance into the Program

To be accepted into the Master of Science in Education degree program in the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, a student must:

• Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5;
• Submit proof of teacher certification or professional endorsement from any of the 50 states or territories and have graduated from an NCATE or regionally accredited university;
• Submit a copy of his/her last summative teaching evaluation (i.e., a PBTE or similar evaluation form), or a letter from a school superintendent, principal or professor attesting to teaching skills and/or graduate studies potential.

A student may apply a maximum of 6 hours of graduate study in Special Projects (ECEL 5000) courses. (Students must consult and get consent from their graduate adviser for exemptions). A maximum of 12 graduate semester hours taken prior to the development of a program of study at UCM and approved by the student’s graduate program adviser may be accepted on a program of study. ECEL 5920 must be taken within the first 12 hours of the program.

Required Courses

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The student will work with his/her graduate advisor to determine a set of courses to complete the 10 hours of 5000 or 6000 level electives from an area such as Literacy, Special Education, or Child and Family Development.

Apply to UCM

Complete your application at: ucmo.edu/graduate and be sure to provide the School of Graduate & Extended Studies with official transcripts. Those transcripts can be sent to:

University of Central Missouri
School of Graduate & Extended Studies
Ward Edwards Room 1800
Warrensburg, MO 64093

If you have any questions about applying, contact the School of Graduate & Extended Studies at 877-729-8266 ext. 3.

Course Enrollment

For assistance with enrollment, contact the School of Graduate & Extended Studies at 877-729-8266 ext. 21 or extcampus@ucmo.edu.