



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Elementary Education

WHY STUDY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE?

Elementary education majors at the University of Maine have the opportunity to work within the community of the College of Education and Human Development, yet take advantage of the vast resources available at Maine's largest and most comprehensive university. The College of Education and Human Development is nationally accredited for its teacher certification programs and provides many opportunities for students to gain professional experience in schools locally, statewide and internationally. Students build a strong liberal arts background by drawing from the many departments on campus to fulfill general education and concentration requirements. Students in the College of Education and Human Development also have the option of studying in the Honors College, which offers intensive work in small classes, as well as the chance to pursue undergraduate research.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION?

In addition to becoming certified to teach in K-8 classrooms, graduates may work in such nonacademic settings as research units, museums and corporations. Our students acquire skills they can use in any career, including the ability to collaborate, to work effectively in team environments, and to communicate clearly. In addition, graduates may pursue careers in schools outside the traditional classroom role, such as a technology integrator.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The elementary education program builds on strong partnerships the College of Education and Human Development has created with school districts locally, statewide and internationally. This gives students the chance to combine academic work in a university environment with field-based work in a wide

range of settings. Our students are prepared to teach and work in diverse educational situations.

The College of Education and Human Development has a nationally recognized Advising Center, which assists students in their first two years at UMaine. As juniors and seniors delve deeper into their major, they work closely with faculty advisers who provide academic and professional guidance. We also offer introductory seminars to acquaint students with program requirements and expectations. Our students have opportunities to build their technological skills, while learning how to utilize technology to enhance the learning of K-8 students. Finally, elementary education students complete a concentration, which allows them to specialize in an area that might broaden their professional opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

For those students wishing to continue on to graduate school, an elementary degree is preparation for a variety of graduate programs. Students might pursue further work in general education, or pursue specialties such as instructional technology, special education, early childhood education, counselor education, educational leadership or a discipline such as science or mathematics education.

OUR FACULTY

Faculty members in the elementary education program are nationally recognized scholars in their fields and have received national and state level teaching awards as secondary school educators and as college instructors. They are also well-represented in professional organizations both statewide and nationally. Our faculty are from a diverse range of professional backgrounds and draw on a variety of pedagogical perspectives. Many have taught in the United States and abroad,

UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- A comprehensive liberal arts foundation
- A faculty actively engaged in research
- Internship opportunities in rural, urban and international settings
- Close interaction with faculty
- Top-notch advising
- An education that prepares our students to thrive in any career

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ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls more than 11,000 total undergraduate and graduate students. UMaine students directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 30 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in 85 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.



in urban, suburban and rural schools. Equally important, the faculty are accessible and available to students as a resource for assistance with classwork, advising and research.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

Scholarships are available to academically qualified students in the college. Students who have a 3.0 GPA can apply to be a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society for educators. Our students can gain professional and research experience at the Katherine M. Durst Child Development Learning Center, a licensed nursery and pre-K program on campus that is one of the oldest such university-affiliated centers in the United

States. The Student Education Association of Maine, a campus offshoot of the Maine Education Association, hosts workshops and professional development events. Students can join the Early Childhood Organization (EChO). The organization gives UMaine education students the opportunity to collaborate with peers from nearby colleges, teachers, social workers and others in the field, allowing them to build their network before they graduate.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.

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Areas of Specialization

- English
- Social Studies
- Human Development
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Mathematics
- English as a Second Language

Master of Education in

- Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
- Educational Leadership
- Elementary Education
- Foreign Language
- Higher Education
- Instructional Technology
- Literacy Education
- Mental Health Counseling
- School Counseling
- Special Education

Doctor of Education in

- Educational Leadership
- Higher Education
- Education Literacy

