



# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## LICENSURE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed for individuals with initial licensure and a master's degree seeking a professional license and/or further expertise in elementary education, but not a degree.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application or online. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official transcript documenting award of master's degree.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000-word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:  
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?  
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?  
Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

### Additional requirements for individuals pursuing a professional license:

- A master's degree.
- An initial license in elementary education from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall admission: June 1 | Spring admission: October 1 | Summer admission: February 1

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSESTAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.

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**Required Courses:**

Six courses drawn from the following list and including courses from each category:

**Foundations: (choose one)**

- EDU 717 Advanced Foundations of Education 3
- EDU 999AN Creating Brain Compatible Learning 3

**Diversity/Exceptionality: (choose one)**

- EDU 795 Discourse, Culture and Literacy 3
- EDU 837 Education in a Changing World 3
- EDU 990J Issues and Trends in Cultural Diversity 3
- EDU 890 Approaches to Mainstreaming 3
- EDU 990E Developing Effective Programs for  
Special Needs Students in the Mainstream 3
- EDU 990M Enhancing Teachers' Responses to Students' Needs 3

**Reading and Literacy: (choose one)**

- EDU 729 Reading and Writing in the Classroom 3
- EDU 767 Literature for Young Children 3
- EDU 758 Using Literature Across the Curriculum 3
- EDU 814 Reading in the Content Areas 3
- EDU 897 Critical Reading and Thinking Across the Curriculum 3

**Elementary Curriculum: (choose one)**

- EDU 787 Theories of Curriculum Design and Evaluation 3
- EDU 870E Development of Strategies for Change in Elementary Education 3

**Content:**

Area to be chosen in consultation with elementary education program coordinator.

**Capstone:**

- EDU 963R Action Research in Education 3

**Total Credits:****18**

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu).

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.

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