



Master of Science or Sixth Year Certificate in Elementary Education

Achieve a rewarding career as a classroom teacher

Now, more than ever, we need dedicated teachers with the knowledge and skills required to provide engaging, inclusive, and research-based instruction. When you earn your MS or Sixth Year certificate in Elementary Education, you will develop the skills necessary to provide expert instruction that meets the unique needs of diverse learners from grades PreK-6.

Make a positive difference in your community

The influence of an incredible teacher can be seen far beyond the classroom. Educators have the power to make an immeasurable difference in the lives of their students. As an elementary school teacher, you will provide children with the foundational skills needed for future success. Moreover, the children you work with will carry the compassion and social skills you've shown them for the rest of their lives, preparing them to be positive members of their families and communities.

Prepare for professional success

In Connecticut, you're required to pass three exams before applying for your state elementary teaching license. This includes the Foundations of Reading exam, the edTPA portfolio assessment, and the Praxis II exam. At UB, our Elementary Education program will prepare you to succeed on these assessments, bringing you closer to earning your state teaching license.

Benefit from tuition-paid internship opportunities

Thanks to UB's many partnerships with school districts across the state, you can choose to participate in a tuition-paid internship. By completing this internship, you can save over \$25,000 in tuition money — all while earning relevant, day-to-day experience working in a school. Interns will complete their degree over the course of one school year, taking classes 2-3 evenings per week. 33 credits of master's level coursework must be completed during the two-semester internship.



Admission requirements:

Program prerequisites:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university or recognized international institution
 - A master's degree from a regionally accredited university is required for the sixth year program
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 ('B') or higher. Applicants whose cumulative GPA falls between 2.67 ('B-') and 3.0 ('B') will be considered for admission on a provisional basis

Required materials:

- Application and non-refundable fee
- Official transcripts from each institution attended
- Two letters of recommendation from employers, professors, or professional associates
- A 350-word personal statement discussing any activities that have influenced your decision to enter the teaching profession. Your statement should also detail your interest in UB's program, any relevant background experiences, and your goals as a future educator.
- Resumé
- Music certification applicants must submit a video or audio file in one of three ways:
 - YouTube, Google Drive, or Dropbox link emailed to gradadmissions@bridgeport.edu
 - CD or DVD sent through the mail
 - Personal audition and interview with the Program Director

*Timeline may vary by student

View all courses offered and read full course descriptions in our course catalog (bridgeport.edu/academics/catalog).

University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.

The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

Curriculum requirements

- 9 credits in foundational coursework, including:
 - Differentiated instruction
 - Educational psychology
 - Special education
- 24 credits in professional education requirements, including:
 - Content subject areas
 - Curriculum and methods of teaching
 - Field experiences
 - Statutory state requirements
- 12-14 weeks of resident/student teaching (6 credits total)

Students must complete the following undergraduate coursework to be eligible for the certification track option:

- English
- Math (College Algebra, Pre-Calculus or higher)
- Natural Science
- Social Science
- Fine Arts or World Language
- Lifespan Development
- U.S. History (survey course covering at least 50 years)

