

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

ELEMENTARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.

The Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Early Childhood Education degree program prepares students to become the teachers of tomorrow. Offered in collaboration with Penn State's College of Education, the program provides students majoring in the discipline the opportunity to complete their degree locally and gain valuable classroom experience.

The teacher certification program in Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Penn State Berks is offered in collaboration with Penn State's College of Education. Practical field experiences take place in the Reading School District and Wilson School District to promote the integration of academic coursework and professional skills.

Gain Marketable Experience in College

Field experiences are required at all levels of the program. Prior to formal admission to the major, these experiences provide valuable hands-on opportunities for students to explore the teaching profession and to determine whether elementary education is the right personal choice as a career. During the junior and senior years, on-site practicum in school settings will accompany the methods courses. Finally, students will complete student teaching as a full-time semester practicum accompanied by a seminar.

Graduate Education

Upon graduation, students will have met the requirements for the Level I Certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, which is valid for a specific number of service years, during which time students must complete established requirements to gain Level II Certification.

To gain Level II Certification, Instructional or Educational Specialist applicants must complete 24 semester credits (graduate or undergraduate level) or 24 PDE-approved IU credits beyond their initial bachelor's degree. Semester credits must be earned at a four-year degree-granting college or university.



Job Titles and Salaries

The following is a list of job titles and salaries, which was compiled from the Pennsylvania Career Guide with annual figures from 2018. This list provides some examples of the kinds of jobs available to graduates with a B.S. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

Title	U.S. Average Pay
Elementary School Teachers	\$61,730
Kindergarten Teachers	\$52,790



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The teacher certification program in Elementary and Early Childhood Education is extended from Penn State's College of Education to Penn State Berks. It is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and is recognized by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Practical field experiences mainly take place in the Reading School District and Wilson School District, and are emphasized to promote the integration of academic coursework and profession skills at all levels of coursework.

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Admission Process

Applying for degree admission to Penn State Berks is simple. Applications are available on the web at berks.psu.edu. Penn State reviews applications throughout the year. Students can expect a decision within four to six weeks after completing the process. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your questions at 610-396-6060.

Transfer Students

Penn State Berks welcomes students who began their education at other institutions. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your transfer questions at 610-396-6060.

Financial Aid

Eligibility for all financial aid is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available on the web at fafsa.ed.gov. Contact the financial aid coordinator at Berks or visit psu.edu/studentaid for a complete description of the types of available student aid and the application process at 610-396-6070.



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