



California University of Pennsylvania  
School of Graduate Studies and Research  
**MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
PreK to Grade 4 Education



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Graduate Studies

educating a new  
generation



**O**ur graduate program in elementary education, accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, is for students who have a baccalaureate degree and are seeking Pennsylvania elementary education (grades PreK-4) certification and/or a master's degree.

**We offer these program options:**

- Master's of Education degree with PreK-4 certification preparation
- PreK-4 certification preparation only
- Master's of Education degree without certification

If you hold a Pennsylvania teacher certification, you also may satisfy the requirements of Act 48 by successfully completing graduate courses. Six graduate credits satisfy the 180-hours professional development.



**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Career prospects for graduates in the Master of Education: PreK-Grade 4 Education are encouraging. Potential employers include adoption agencies, boards of education, elementary schools, tutorial learning organizations, community recreation centers, camps, publishers, school service supply companies and child abuse centers. Students with graduate degrees in these fields advance faster than their counterparts and have more earning potential. An advanced degree is required for specialists, education administrators, college-level educators and other professional positions.

Graduate Programs  
with a Higher Degree of Character

**G**raduate programs at California University help people adapt to changes in their professional lives and position themselves for new professional and leadership opportunities. Our master's degrees and professional certificate programs are academically rigorous, and they build upon the rich work experiences that students bring to their studies.



Regardless of the degree program that you choose to pursue—either on campus or through Cal U Global Online, the University's mission of "Building Character, Building Careers" is a driving force in the curriculum. We look forward to receiving your application!

For complete course descriptions of all master's degree and professional certificate curriculums offered in a variety of academic disciplines at Cal U, visit [www.calu.edu](http://www.calu.edu).

## Delivery Mode

Traditional with occasional online coursework

## Accreditation

- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Pennsylvania Department of Education

### > MASTER OF EDUCATION, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (54 CREDITS)

RES 800	Methods of Research . . . . .	3
EDE 701	Development & Organization of School Curriculum . . . . .	3
ESP 610	Special Ed: Foundations & Collaboration . . . . .	3
ESP 612	Evidence-Based Practices for PreK-8 Inclusion . . . . .	3
ESP 701	Intro to Behavior Principles . . . . .	3
PSY 712	Advanced Psychology of Learning . . . . .	3
ECE 703	Literacy Development . . . . .	3
ECE 707	Leadership & Management in Early Childhood . . . . .	3
ELE 701	Teaching & Assessment in Language Arts . . . . .	3
ELE 702	Teaching & Assessment in Reading . . . . .	3
ELE 703	Field Experience . . . . .	3
ELE 711	Teaching & Assessment in Mathematics . . . . .	3
ELE 718	Teaching & Assessment in Expressive Arts . . . . .	3
ELE 721	Teaching & Assessment in Science . . . . .	3
ELE 731	Teaching & Assessment in Social Studies . . . . .	3
ELE 795	Student Teaching . . . . .	9

***The Master of Education without certification program requires all courses listed above, excluding ELE 795 Student Teaching. (45 credits)***

***The certification-only program requires all courses listed above, excluding RES 800 Methods of Research. (51 credits)***

*Program requirements may include comprehensive examinations and certification tests.*

**Please note:** Students who are not certified in Pennsylvania must pass the Pennsylvania Educator Certification Test (PECT). It is possible to earn the master's degree and PreK-4 certification in the same program. Students who hold Pennsylvania teacher certification may also satisfy Act 48 requirements by successfully completing graduate courses.

Candidates for Pennsylvania certification must have completed undergraduate or graduate coursework that includes the following:

- College-level mathematics (6 credits)
- English Composition and English/American Literature (3 credits/3 credits)
- Health and Wellness (3 credits)
- Citizenship: Geography, Political Science or Economics (3 credits)
- English Language Learners (3 credits)
- Instructional Technology (3 credits)
- U.S. History (3 credits)
- Physical Science (3 credits)
- Environmental/Earth Science (3 credits) and
- Biology (3 credits)

The courses listed above only apply to the Master's of Education with certification and certification-only programs. Students entering the program without all, or part, of the undergraduate requirements may meet them with additional coursework or by passing competency tests while they are taking graduate classes.



## PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

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## ADMISSION CRITERIA

- 2.80 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in last 48 credits, in baccalaureate degree verified with official transcripts.
- Current Act 24, 34, 151, and 114 clearances.
- Graduate School Application \$25.00 nonrefundable application fee

## APPLICATION

Applications are available online at our website, [www.calu.edu](http://www.calu.edu).

Official baccalaureate degree transcripts should be mailed to:

California University  
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## GRADUATE FACULTY

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