

Admission to the Program

I am interested in becoming an elementary teacher, so what do I do?

If you have a 3.0 college GPA or 85% high school average and have submitted an ACT or SAT score to admissions, you may be admitted directly into the CED major and will have an opportunity to change to the more specific education major of your choice. You will also declare a concentration.

If you are CEDW, UNC, or another major at SUNY Buffalo State, then you need to complete an application to the elementary education major of your choice.

What majors are available?

CED = Childhood Education, grades 1-6

ECE = Early Childhood Education, birth- grade 2

ECC = Combined Childhood and Early Childhood Education, birth-grade 6

CEN = grades 1-6, with a 7-9 extension in English

CMT = grades 1-6, with a 7-9 extension in Math

CSS = grades 1-6, with a 7-9 extension in Social Studies

CFR = grades 1-6, with a 7-9 extension in French

CSH = grades 1-6, with a 7-9 extension in Spanish

CIT = grades 1-6, with a 7-9 extension in Italian

Accelerated 4 +1 Undergraduate/Graduate Pathway is also available.

See your advisor or come to Bacon 302 for more information.

When do I apply?

If you did not qualify upon initial acceptance to Buffalo State, then you will work toward meeting the necessary requirements. For instance, once you have been accepted at Buffalo State, applications for the education majors are accepted at any time throughout the year, as soon as you have reached the requirement of a 3.0 GPA and have submitted an ACT or SAT score to admissions. You may apply in later semesters as well, but ideally before you have reached 45 credit hours.

How do I apply?

As an incoming freshmen, you may choose elementary education during the college application process if you have an 85% High School average and have submitted an ACT or SAT score to admissions. As an incoming transfer student, you may choose elementary education during the college application process if you have an overall college GPA of 3.0 and have submitted an ACT or SAT score to admissions.

For all other applicants, salmon applications are available in Bacon 302, the main elementary education office. Applications are also available from your University College or EOP advisors. Complete the information page and the professional paragraph as directed on the application. Then complete the change of major form with your personal information and Banner ID. Use the codes above to indicate what major you would like to be. Remember to choose a concentration as well and indicate it on the form. Concentration choices include: American Studies, English, Mathematics, Foreign Language, Science, or Social Studies. Then attach a full transcript from DegreeWorks and return the completed application to Bacon 302 where it will be checked for completion. Your application will be reviewed by the department and you will be notified of the department's decision.

How do I know if I qualify?

CEDW, UNC and students with other SUNY Buffalo State majors need to have achieved a Buffalo State overall GPA of 3.0 and have submitted ACT or SAT scores to admissions. Following the application process discussed above, you will receive a letter of acceptance if you qualify.