

## BA in Elementary – Online Degree Completion Program

The Department of Instruction and Teacher Education in the College of Education is requesting to update the admission requirements for the online degree completion option for the BA in Elementary Education. The change does not impact freshmen or transfer admission for applicants to the on-campus BA in Elementary Education.

The table below outlines the requested change:

Current	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 College GPA</li><li>• 36 Credit hours of specified college level coursework</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.5 College GPA</li><li>• 30 Credit hours of college level coursework</li></ul>

It is important to note that this is not a curriculum change and students will complete the same requirements to graduate. For example, whether taken before or after transfer, students will still take 2 ARP courses plus MATH 221 and MATH 222 as these are degree requirements. Courses which counted toward the specified coursework in the current admission criteria are simply any courses which count toward the degree. So, there is a wide range of types of courses that count toward the current specified courses. With the new criteria we will be able to work with transfer students after they complete the transfer process on a plan to complete all the degree requirements.

This change is being requested to create a more efficient admission process. The current process requires a time-consuming course review by an advisor in the College of Education before the Office of Undergraduate Admissions can extend an official offer of admission. This can create unnecessary delays in student admission. This change will remove an unnecessary step to allow for a smoother admission process.

With this change, the transfer admissions requirements and process will be similar to those of most programs at the university. Requiring specific courses before transfer admission to the university is not common and the requested change would align with other programs at the university.

As this remains a program for transfer students, there will be no change in our commitment to communicating with prospective transfer students. We want prospective students to be well informed about the program and time to degree. A College of Education advisor will continue to review transcripts of prospective students who indicate an interest in the program and submit unofficial transcripts before they apply.