MASTER OF EDUCATION IN
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

» Discover a rewarding career
» Learn inspiring teaching approaches
» Prepare for grades 1-6 certification

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,
NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
The Master of Education in Elementary Education (MEd) is an initial certification degree program for those who wish to teach grades 1-6. You may be a recent college graduate with an undergraduate degree in psychology who is just now considering a career in teaching. You may have worked for years in the business world and are looking for a complete change in your career. In either case, our program will accommodate your needs. Most of our students are working and are completing their degrees by enrolling in one or two courses each fall, spring, and summer session. Courses are offered in late afternoon or evening and meet one time per week (twice a week during the summer sessions). Student teaching is required which means there will be a day commitment near the end of your program of study.

CURRICULUM

This program prepares elementary school teachers (grades 1–6) as reflective practitioners who integrate understanding of their content areas, their students, and theories of pedagogy. Learning and developmental theories, knowledge of curriculum and effective teaching strategies, cultural and diverse needs of students, integration of technology, application of skills in assessment and implementation, and evaluation of effective educational programs are all addressed in the curriculum.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admission review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials may be uploaded in a PDF format. Official transcripts should be sent to the following address:

Graduate Admission Office
CC231
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117 USA

The following items are required:
- An online application. Visit hartford.edu/grad-apply.
- A non-refundable application fee of $50; make check payable to the University of Hartford.
- Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework, forwarded to the University of Hartford.
- A letter of intent as specified in the application form.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- In addition to the application requirements, applicants may be asked to discuss their professional aspirations with the Program Director. If needed, the applicant will be contacted directly by the Program Director. This professional consultation can be completed virtually or on campus.
- Taking the PRAXIS CORE (formally Praxis I) academic skills assessment or the SAT (administered after 2005) is required for prospective teachers by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Please submit test results as part of a complete application. www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&Q=321230

International Applicants

- TOEFL—Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3436. Visit TOEFL at ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 79 internet-based. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum score is a 58. Visit the PTE at pearsontpte.com. The IELTS is also accepted with a minimum score of 6.5 or higher.
- Transcript evaluation—transcript must be evaluated by the World Education Services (WES). Visit: wes.org. The evaluation, at a minimum, should indicate that the student has completed the equivalent of a four-year bachelor’s degree at a U.S. regionally accredited institution. The $50 application fee will be waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.
- Guarantor’s Statement—As part of the application, international students must provide a bank statement to ensure adequacy of funds. This statement is also used to issue an I-20 form to students. The Guarantor’s Statement is necessary for obtaining a visa. The cost for international students to study and live at the University of Hartford can be found at hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx as estimated expenses.

DEADLINES AND DATES

The priority filing date is April 15 for entry in summer or fall and November 15 for entry in spring. Applications received after the priority filing dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending upon both the quality of the application and the number of remaining openings in the class.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

See attached insert or visit hartford.edu/gradtuition.

FINANCIAL AID

Domestic Financial Aid

Domestic graduate students may qualify for Federal Family Education Loans and must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.gov, for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program (not conditionally accepted).
- Be registered for at least six credits per semester. For more information call 800.947.4303, email finaid@hartford.edu or visit admission.hartford.edu/finaid.
PROGRAM OF STUDY
The master's degree in elementary education leading to certification (Grade 1–6) requires 45 credits* which include the following courses:

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (21 CREDITS)
- EDH 510 Theoretical Foundations: Children and Adults with Special Needs (3)
- EDP 540 Applied Developmental and Learning Theory (3)
- EDR 544 Foundations and Strategies of Literacy Learning (3)
- EDR 550 Fundamentals of Reading Instruction (3)
- EDR 551 Reading and Language Arts Instruction (3)
- EDF 568 Philosophical and Cultural Issues in Contemporary Education (3)
- EDT 610 Computer as an Instructional Tool (3)
- EDE 654 Models of Instruction: Elementary (3)

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES (15 CREDITS)
- EDE 660 Curriculum and Standardized Assessment (3)
- EDE 662 Planning and Assessing: Elementary (3)
- EDE 663 Elementary Methods: Social Studies/Science/Arts (3)
- EDE 664 Elementary Math Methods (3)
- EDE 667 Student Teaching and Seminar: Elementary Education (9)

STUDENT TEACHING AND SEMINAR (9 CREDITS)
Upon successful completion of course work, student teaching, the specified national PRAXIS II exam, CT Foundations of Reading Test, and a comprehensive program examination, candidates will be recommended for Connecticut certification in elementary education.

*Additional undergraduate coursework may be necessary to meet State of Connecticut certification requirements.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH MONTESSORI CONCENTRATION
Offered in partnership with the Montessori Training Center Northeast (MTCNE).

Information sessions on early childhood education programs are held regularly. Learn more at hartford.edu/enhp/events
Graduate program events are held throughout the year. Open Houses are held in August and January. Learn more at hartford.edu/gradevents

hartford.edu/elementary-education-masters