on campus/hybrid

# Elementary Education Grades 1-5

Degree Type: Program Length: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) 4 years (120 credit hours)



### What Can You Do With an Elementary Education Degree?

The elementary education program at McNeese is designed to provide our students with the skills they will need to educate all students in an effective manner. Students are also equipped with the skills necessary to pursue a master's degree and attain specialized training for careers as administrators, supervisors and other roles in education.

> With events including the annual Geaux Teach: Unlock Education, Eat-N-Teach monthly meetings and Educators Rising regional competitions, students in the Department of Education Professions have the opportunity to meet and network with established professionals in the teaching field.

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## WHY MCNEESE? Here are just a few reasons to make McNeese your first choice ...



#### A Low-Cost, High-Demand Degree:

Consistently ranked as one of the top regional universities in the South, McNeese also boasts one of the lowest tuition rates in the state. Local, state and national demand for teachers remains high and, with initial teacher certification, elementary education majors from McNeese graduate ready to start their careers.

#### Service-Learning:

Every semester, students have the chance to participate in a community service activity such as Habitat for Humanity, food drives, tutoring and more. Community service is also a core component in a student's Senior Residency Portfolio, which includes a service-learning project created and fulfilled by the student.

#### **Residency Experience:**

All elementary education majors receive hands-on training in their field with a two-semester teacher residency. During this residency, students are paired with experienced teachers who assist in classroom management and teaching. Students also have support from their university supervisors who evaluate and give feedback with a pre- and post-conference model, as well as help from of an additional faculty member who guides student research into best-practices for their own student populations.

#### **In-Depth Instruction**

With a state-approved Tier 1 curriculum, McNeese students learn how to promote student engagement using theory and motivation along with procedures and transitions that go beyond traditional classroom management courses. Curriculum also includes topics like student misconceptions, alignment of standards, outcomes, instruction and assessment and progression of learning.

#### **Excellence With a Personal Touch**

McNeese's award-winning education faculty stay up-to-date in their disciplines through continuing research, publications and attendance and presentations at multiple national, state and local conferences. With small class sizes and faculty advising, students get one-on-one instruction in education methods, practices, observation and evaluation as well as personalized support. After completing the program, faculty continue to support alumni as they venture out into the professional setting, providing them with a support system that follows them throughout their career.

#### **Department of Education Professions**

The Department of Education Professions strives to prepare students to fulfill their role in the teaching profession through the cultivation of critical thinking skills and effective expression with an awareness of cultural diversity. Our students graduate with the necessary technological skills and professional development opportunities needed to succeed in the workforce.

#### **Student Activities**

Elementary education majors can join their peers in a number of student organizations on campus, including education-specific organizations like the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana and Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society in Education.







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