

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.S.

Begin Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Beaver, Brandywine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, York

End Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Erie, University Park

Career Paths

Education is a profession and all teachers are expected to continue studying and developing new skills throughout their careers. In most U.S. states, teacher certification is a multi-stage process, with graduate study beyond a bachelor's degree expected early in a teacher's career. Graduates of this program who work in public schools usually go on to earn a master's degree, and often use those studies to earn additional credentials in areas like counseling, reading, teaching English learners, or special education. Graduates who work in early childhood education or nonformal settings also have the option of earning advanced degrees, and, as with public school teachers, have access to continuing education (CE) through school intermediate units, museums, and other nonprofits, and web-mediated CE systems. Alumni who wish to continue their studies at the graduate level through Penn State can do so at University Park and through the University's World Campus.

Careers

In addition to resources such as the College's Advising and Certification Center and Penn State Career Services, the University hosts large education career fairs in both the fall and spring semesters, which bring recruiters to campus from throughout Pennsylvania and the United States.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREERS OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (<https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/career/>)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/graduate-studies-program-curriculum-and-instruction/>)

Professional Resources

- Pennsylvania State Education Association (<https://www.psea.org/resources-by-profession/student-psea/>)
- Penn State-State College Professional Development School (PDS) (<https://ed.psu.edu/academics/departments/department-curriculum-and-instruction/professional-development-school/>)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (<https://www.naeyc.org>)