



SCHOOL OF GRADUATE  
AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



## MAJOR DESCRIPTION

The major in elementary education is field-oriented and designed to prepare students to teach children in grades 1-8. The Department of Education at Cameron University prepares educators in a way that truly integrates theory with practice. Beginning with a students' first education course and continuing all the way through graduation, students will be in classrooms with children. The department's partnerships allow students to complete multiple practicum experiences in public schools and other settings prior to beginning their student teaching semester. Elementary education teachers have the opportunity to make a difference in the everyday lives of students and nurture a lifelong passion for learning and discovery. Cameron's dedicated faculty help passionate and committed individuals to become the kind of teacher, that children will remember for the rest of their lives.

## WHAT STUDENTS STUDY

In their freshman year, students begin with an orientation into the field of education focusing on what it means to be an educator and how their role as a teacher will impact future generations of citizens. During their first few semesters, students concentrate on increasing their content knowledge in subjects taught in the elementary classroom – social sciences, English language arts, mathematics, and science – through general education classes.

During their sophomore and junior semesters, students begin to explore theory and pedagogy within the profession of education, and students also take courses in child development, educational learning theories, assessment, and special education. Once a student is admitted to the Teacher Education program, they take pedagogical methods courses and learn how to teach art, science, mathematics, reading, social studies, and English language arts.

The student's final semester will focus on student teaching, in which the student spends each day in a first to sixth-grade classroom, partnering with a highly-qualified cooperating teacher, so the student can experience firsthand what its like to educate young learners in a school setting.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Cameron University's elementary education majors have the option of adding specialized preparation and certification in Special Education. A concentration in special education prepares the student to be a professional who works with students with mild to moderate disabilities. The program focuses on research-based instructional and assessment practices. Students have field-based experience throughout their coursework. Field experiences will provide students with opportunities to work with children and adolescents who have learning disabilities, emotional/behavioral disorders, and intellectual disabilities. These experiences occur across various placement settings which allow students to apply their knowledge and skills in real-life situations. In the last semester of the program, the practical experiences culminate in the students' student teaching, field-based training under the mentorship of school and university supervisors.

## FAST FACTS

- Cameron's program is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- Cameron's Department of Education offers over \$10,000 in scholarships and tuition waivers each year to undergraduate education majors.
- Cameron's average class size is 19 to 1.
- Cameron has a 100 percent placement rate for Elementary and Early Childhood Education graduates.

## EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Cameron's Department of Education is committed to providing students with purposeful, challenging, and diverse experiences. The department believes that through a range of carefully constructed, challenging experiences outside of the college classroom, students will have the opportunities to promote equity in education, advocate on behalf of children, families and communities, and develop the skills and knowledge to inspire lifelong intellectual curiosity.

Cameron offers many co-curricular opportunities for students, including:

- **Honor Society:** Kappa Delta Pi is an international education honor society dedicated to scholarship and educational excellence.
- **Study Tours:** Through the generosity of donors, students can engage in study tours in Oklahoma and across the region, experiencing diverse pedagogy and working with educators.
- **Summer Camps:** Students majoring in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education have the opportunity to develop and implement curriculum focusing on reading instruction, science, and language arts.

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