

**Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education**

The Michigan Department of Education is [changing the structure of teacher certification](#), and this new guide is for fall 2021.

**COURSES REQUIRED FOR ALL ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS**

Oakland University Courses	Southwestern Michigan College Courses
MTH 0661 (or show proficiency)	MATH 101 (or show proficiency with ACT/SAT scores)
MTH 0662 (or show proficiency)	MATH 127 (or show proficiency with ACT/SAT scores)
WRT 1050 (or show proficiency)	ENGL 103 or 103W (or show proficiency with ACT/SAT scores)
WRT 1060 (minimum grade of B or 3.0 required)	ENGL 104
MTE 2110	MATH 153
MTE 2111	MATH 154
RDG 2200	<b>Complete at OU</b>
EED 1000	EDUC 101
EED 2000, 2400, and 2500	<b>Complete at OU</b>

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Each of the below categories must be fulfilled by completing one course of 3 or more credits. A course may not be used in more than one of the categories numbered 1-10. Please consult with an Oakland University Academic Adviser before pursuing MTA: the specific course options listed below are the preference.

Oakland University Categories	Southwestern Michigan College Options
1. <b>Writing Foundations</b>	ENGL 104
2. <b>Formal Reasoning</b>	MATH 154
3. <b>Arts</b>	THEA 110
4. <b>Language and Culture</b>	<b>Complete LIN 1101 at OU</b>
5. <b>Global Perspective</b>	<b>Complete GEO 2000 at OU</b>
6. <b>Literature</b>	ENGL 231, 232, 235, 282
7. <b>Natural Science and Technology</b>	BIOL 110 or GEOG 110
8. <b>Social Science</b>	POSC 201
9. <b>Western Civilization</b>	HIST 201 or 202
10. <b>Knowledge Applications</b>	COMM 115 recommended
<b>U.S. Diversity</b> – When a course is approved for both this and one of the above categories, it may count toward both requirements.	<b>Satisfied by EED 3100 at OU</b>

**NOTES:**

Students may transfer an unlimited amount of credit from Southwestern, and must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours from OU to meet degree requirements. As programs may limit how much transfer credit can be used toward requirements, **it is highly recommended that students work with both an OU academic adviser and their Southwestern academic adviser to maximize the applicability of coursework to specific requirements.**

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 in order to be admitted to major standing in Elementary Education. Students with a GPA of 2.5 will be considered for admission to OU.

For Elementary Education program information, contact School of Education and Human Services Advising by calling (248) 370-4182 or visiting the [SEHS Advising website](#).

This document may be modified in the event of program or Michigan Department of Education certification changes.

**TALKING POINTS:**

The Elementary Education program prepares students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and recommendation for a Michigan Teaching Certificate.

Passing scores on Michigan [Tests for Teacher Certification](#) (MTTC) are required for Michigan Teaching Certification. Learn more about [Educator Certification](#), which OU graduates complete after their student teaching and receiving passing MTTC scores.

Elementary Education students complete [field experiences](#) in local elementary schools while they are in their professional education classes. Students will experience breadth, depth, and diversity of grade levels and communities in their field placements.

Information about scholarships in SEHS and Education can be found online on the [SEHS student resources website](#). To qualify for scholarships, students need an established Oakland University grade point average.

[Student organizations](#) at OU for future educators include the Aspiring Educators of Michigan, Best Buddies, and Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.