Early Level Education (PreK-4) teachers teach academic, social, and motor skills to students in grades PreK-4th grade. They develop teaching outlines and lesson plans, give lectures, facilitate discussions and activities, keep class attendance records, assign homework and evaluate student progress. They counsel students when adjustment and academic problems arise, and discuss pupils’ academic and behavioral attitudes and achievements with parents.

Early Level Education majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in Educational Methods, Child Development, Psychology, Technology and a variety of subject specific teaching courses. Education majors receive hands-on training by observing classrooms, hosting elementary school children at events on campus, and student teaching.

**Required Skills:**

- Instructing and Training
- Directing
- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Decision Making
- Evaluating
- Organization
- Planning

**Possible Employers:**

- School Systems
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Child Care Providers
- Consulting Firms
- Libraries
- Colleges or Universities
- Human Resources Departments
- Marketing Firms

**Professional Organizations:**

- National Education Association [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)
- National Academy of Education [www.naeducation.org](http://www.naeducation.org)
- National Associate of State Boards of Education [www.nasbe.org](http://www.nasbe.org)

**Find Out More About Careers in Early Level Education At:**

- [What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do](http://www.nbpts.org)
- [ProTeacher Directory](http://www.proteacher.com)
- [Career Services](http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx)
## General Education Requirements

### Competencies

Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies

- FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
  
  (If transferring in fewer than 18 credits)

### Writing

- ENG 0101 English Composition I
- ENG 0102 English Composition II

### Mathematics

- * MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher
  
  (MATH 0110 recommended)

### The Human Experience

Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”

### Arts & Letters

- (ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)
- Literature
- Art or Music or Theatre
- EDUC 0255 Readings in Children’s Literature

### Behavioral, Economic, & Political Sciences

(Two different categories must be represented)

- PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 0101 Introduction to Sociology
- Economics or Political Science

### History, Cultures, & Philosophical Inquiry

(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)

- HIST 0106 US History I or HIST 0107 US History II
- *GEOG 0101 World Regional Geography OR GEOG 0102 Geography of North America (GE)
- Cultures or Philosophy
- *non-western course

### Physical, Life, & Computational Sciences

(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)

- Physical Science
- Life Science
- MATH
- Lab

### Physical Education

- PEDC

* MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus

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## Major/Core Related Courses

- EDUC 0204 Introduction to Education
- EDUC 0215 English Language Learners
- EDUC 0220 Special Education Law
- EDUC 0225 the Developing Child: Birth-Primary Years
- EDUC 0230 Family & Community Relationships
- EDUC 0235 Instructional Design
- EDUC 0255 Readings in Children’s Literature (GE)
- EDUC 1301 Instructional Technology
- EDUC 1302 Assessment Techniques
- EDUC 1306 Classroom Management
- EDUC 1309 Differentiated Reading Instruct. & Intervention
- EDUC 1312 Lang. Develop. & Early Literacy Foundations
- EDUC 1318 Early Math Foundations
- EDUC 1320 Art, Music & Movement Methods
- EDUC 1322 Social Studies Methods (preK-4)
- EDUC 1324 Math methods for Primary Grades (2-4)
- EDUC 1325 Development of Exceptional Children
- EDUC 1327 Science Methods (PreK-4)
- EDUC 1330 Educating Exceptional Children
- EDUC 1332 Literacy Foundations for Primary Grades (2-4)
- EDUC 1345 Educational Theories and Practices
- EDUC 1350 Educational Psych. and Measurement
- EDUC 1451 Capstone: Education
- EDUC 1481 Student Teaching

All courses in the major must be completed with a C- or higher and a 3.0 grade point average must be maintained, in the major and overall.

## Total Degree Requirements = 127 Credits

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According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:

You will have EARNED _________ credit hours

You NEED _________ for 124 credit hours required for graduation.

You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.

You NEED ______ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.