As recruiters literally pulled me to their booths when they saw I was a graduate student, the power of a graduate degree was made clear. Not only did the elementary education program help me land my dream job, but it also created lasting relationships that I will keep for a lifetime.

– Jacqui Nickell, current M.Ed. student at Texas State University

Department Mission

The graduate elementary education program at Texas State offers advanced studies in curriculum, teaching and learning for educators who are certified to teach at the levels of early childhood through middle grades (EC-8). Texas State also offers the concentrations below that allow students to focus on a particular area of interest while interacting within a larger community of intellectual inquiry in education.

Degrees and Concentrations Offered

» Master of Arts in Elementary Education
  Early Childhood Education
  Talent Development Emphasis

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  Master Math

*Certifications available in various fields

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Why choose Texas State?
Texas State began as a normal school and has continued for over 100 years as a top school for educators. Texas State is the ideal choice for teachers seeking to improve their performance and for career changers looking for certification with a master’s degree.

The community of students enrolled in the master’s degree programs in elementary education at Texas State are passionate about teaching, learning and making a difference.

Course Work
For certified teachers, the 36-credit-hour master of education (M.Ed.) in elementary education program requires students to complete 24 to 27 credit hours of elementary education course work and nine to 12 credit hours in an approved minor area of study. The 36-credit-hour master of arts (M.A.) degree requires students to complete at least 30 credit hours of elementary education course work, including a minor and a written thesis. The course work is geared for teachers with several years of experience who have a clear research focus.

The certification with master of education degree (CMED) program combines initial teaching certification (EC-6 ESL or bilingual or 4-8 generalist, English LA/RDG/SS, math, or science) with the M.Ed. degree.

Faculty
The faculty come from a variety of diverse backgrounds and are certified teachers who have moved into teacher preparation. Faculty actively engage in research that is at the forefront of the changes and development in elementary education and publish and present locally, nationally and internationally in their fields.

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Priority Fall: February 15
Fall: June 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1
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Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
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How to Apply
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Career Options
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