

# B.A. Elementary Education | Major Map

## 2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 100% of graduates

**100%** Secured  
Employment

**100%** PRAXIS Exam  
Pass Rate

## POPULAR CAREERS

- Camp director
- Curriculum supervisor
- Elementary teachers
- Human resource trainer
- Librarian
- Nonprofit manager or educational sales director
- Preschool teachers
- School counselor, social worker or psychologist
- School principal or superintendent
- Tutoring services manager
- Test preparation coordinator

## POPULAR EMPLOYERS

Public & private school districts, military schools, domestic & abroad, colleges & universities, daycare centers, nursery schools, charter schools, tutoring & learning centers, test preparation companies, educational nonprofits

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- **Practicums & Student Teaching**
  - Augustana's model classroom
  - Lutheran Social Services mentoring
  - Surrounding school districts
  - Semester-long student teaching experiences: local, regional, national and international
- **Example Research Topics**
  - From Norway to the Midwest: Comparing Inclusive Teaching Practices
  - Social or Academia: What is More Important in Special Education?
  - Meeting the Needs of ELL in a Virtual Learning Environment: A Case Study
- **Study Away**
  - AU Faculty-Led: Kenya Elimu na Kilimo: Glimpses at the Intersection of Global Food Security & Education



## WHY MAJOR IN EDUCATION?

The Teacher Education Program at Augustana offers professional preparation programs for careers in elementary education, secondary education, all-grades education, special education, sign language interpreting and pre-professional preparation in communication disorders. All programs leading to initial-level certification are approved by the South Dakota Department of Education (SD DOE). The conceptual framework for the Teacher Education Program is grounded in a philosophy that integrates the best of Western educational thought, wisdom of indigenous Native American culture and emerging research on positive youth development.

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## FIRST YEAR

## MIDDLE YEAR(S)

## LAST YEAR

### EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in EDUC 110, HIST 110, GOVT 110 and RELI 110.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).
- Apply for the Journey Scholars' leadership program.

- Explore interdisciplinary minors such as a special education minor, kindergarten endorsement or athletic coaching.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Engage in more than 100 hours of classroom practicums through various classes.
- Be formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

- Apply to graduate by Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Complete PRAXIS exams.
- Complete student teaching, EDUC 401: Classroom Management and EDUC 472: Student Teaching - Elementary.

### ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus organizations such as the Augustana University Education Association, FRIENDSLink and Council for Exceptional Children.
- Consider mentoring opportunities through organizations such as Lutheran Social Services (LSS).
- Engage in your first simulated instruction in AU's model classroom.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus activities and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.
- Gain youth-related work experiences.

- Attend the Teacher Job Fair.
- Create credential files of resumes, a cover letter and secure references.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

### CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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