

# Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask if the **Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education** leads to a teaching certification, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through UofSC.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- This is a degree completion program that leads to South Carolina teaching certification in grades 2 through 6. Upon successful completion of degree and certification requirements, and with a positive recommendation from the faculty, students will be recommended for teacher certification.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

The online UofSC Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education program prepares students for rewarding careers teaching children in grades 2 through 6. Through the online learning experience, students learn to engage children in inquiry, facilitate learning and develop curriculum. Students also learn to collect, analyze and interpret student data to inform instruction.

## Field and Clinical Experiences

This program requires extensive field experiences in South Carolina P-12 schools. High-quality, diverse school experiences are essential to an effective teacher preparation program. Through these experiences, students gain valuable knowledge and skills by observing and working with teachers, school children, administrators and parents.

The Office of Clinical Experiences will arrange all field experience, practicum and internship locations. The College of Education works to provide quality and diverse P-12 experiences throughout the program. While efforts will be made to minimize lengthy travel time to schools, students should be aware that some travel may be required to participate in these experiences.

## Why should I complete a degree online from UofSC through Palmetto College?

The programs are developed and taught by the same professors who teach statewide in the nationally renowned UofSC system. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to the university's academic resources. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university!

## For More Information

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Teaching young children is rewarding and meaningful work.



## Jesse Davidson

B.A. in Elementary Education

“As a stay-at-home mom and a U.S. Navy Veteran, Palmetto College allowed me to not only get an education on my time, but in a high-quality way. The professors in the Education program were amazing. I am viewed as a highly-qualified teacher due to my training and experiences from Palmetto College.”

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- 30 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum 2.5 GPA with a 2.75 needed before progression into upper level courses

**While the following courses are not required for admission, consider taking courses from this list prior to applying for this online degree program:**

- Composition
- Composition and Literature
- Public Speaking
- Life Science with a Lab (General or Human Biology)
- Physical Science (Astronomy, Chemistry, or Physics)
- Economics
- American History
- American Government
- World Geography or Introduction to Geography

## Curriculum

Our elementary education program will teach you how to engage children in inquiry, facilitate learning, develop curriculum, and collect, analyze, and interpret student data to inform instruction.

**Through your coursework and field experiences, you will learn about:**

- Effective Elementary Instruction Methods
- Literacy and Reading Instruction
- History of Education
- Child Growth and Development
- Diversity in Education
- Ethics and Philosophy in Education
- Understanding Disabilities
- Classroom Management