



# FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

## ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

#### Convenient Schedule

We understand that adult learners have obligations outside of school. That is why we have flexible and convenient course schedules that can be customized to your specific needs.

#### Program Overview

Florida Southern College offers a Florida State Department of Education approved teacher preparation program in Elementary Education K-6. The program satisfies the educational requirements for the baccalaureate degree and initial teacher certification in Florida; including Elementary K-6, ESOL Endorsement, and Reading Endorsement upon completion.

#### Personalized Attention

With dedicated faculty members and small class sizes, you can focus on the lesson and freely express your thoughts and ideas with your peers.

#### Accelerated Program

Adult undergraduate programs are offered in flexible, 7-week terms that begin six times a year, allowing you to start your degree at your convenience. You can complete your degree at a pace that fits your lifestyle and take up to 12 classes per year (48 credit hours).



#### Academic Advisor

The moment you enroll, you'll be assigned an Academic Advisor to see you through your experience from start to finish. This advisor will help you develop an educational plan that matches your schedule and priorities.

#### Lab Schools

Education students have a variety of opportunities to engage in field experiences both at off-campus partner schools and at FSC's own on site elementary and middle school, The Roberts Academy. Florida's only elementary school for children with dyslexia, The Roberts Academy, and its teacher education component, The Roberts Center for Learning and Literacy, offer enriching field experiences in the specialized Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Approach to teaching reading, writing, and spelling.

#### Minor in Special Education

Throughout the Elementary Education program, students may choose to extend their learning by enrolling in special education courses. These courses will enable educators to develop skills and understanding of the education of exceptional students.

#### Contact Information

##### Office of Adult and Graduate Admission

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Lakeland, Florida 33801  
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evening@flsouthern.edu

*The baccalaureate degree in education at Florida Southern College is approved by the Florida Department of Education to satisfy the educational requirements for initial teacher certification.*



THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE THAT I RECEIVED AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE IN THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM PREPARED ME FOR MY SUCCESS AS A LIFELONG EDUCATOR. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO POSITIVELY ENLIGHTEN HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS IN MY CLASSROOM. I HAVE ALSO INSPIRED TEACHERS AS A DISTRICT LEADER AND CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR MY EXPERIENCE AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE.

– Cheryl Joe, Retired Senior Director of Professional Development, Polk County Public Schools

## Program Requirements

Students who have earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree from a regionally accredited institution in Florida will have met all General Education requirements and may earn up to 62 credit hours toward their degree.

If an A.A. was not earned at another institution prior to matriculation at Florida Southern, general education requirements are awarded on a course-by-course equivalency.

## Education Major Requirements

**A. WRIGHT Foundation Requirements** **34 hours**

**B. Major Requirements** **68 hours**

- EDU 1000** Professional Preparation for Education M
- EDU 1107** Foundations of Education I
- EDU 2200** Field Study Level I
- EDU 2203** Foundations of Education II
- EDU 2210** Foundations in Special Education
- EDU 2235** Methods of Assessment
- EDU 2240** Foundations of Reading Instruction
- EDU 2241** Clinical Experience in Literacy Instruction
- EDU 3279** Foundations of ESOL I
- EDU 3323** Field Study Level II
- EDU 3333** Foundations of Education III
- EDU 3339** Instructional Methods in Elementary Mathematics
- EDU 3343** Literacy and Literature in the Classroom
- EDU 3347** Diagnostic Assessment and Instruction in Literacy
- EDU 3370** Differentiated Instruction of Reading
- EDU 4400** Field Study Level III
- EDU 4407** Instructional Methods in Social Studies in the Elementary School
- EDU 4409** Instructional Methods in Science in the Elementary School
- EDU 4478** Applied Linguistics – ESOL II
- EDU 4887** Reading Endorsement Practicum
- EDU 4889** Student Teacher Intern Seminar
- EDU 4990** Senior Internship

**C. Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements** **12 hours**

**D. Electives** **2-10 hours**

**E. Total** **124 hours**

## Financial Aid

Tuition deferment is available to students receiving employer reimbursement. FSC participates in all major Federal Aid programs including military funding, as well as State of Florida programs such as the Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) Grant and Bright Futures. PCPS employees may be eligible for the Greenhouse Project. Contact the district for more information.

## Admission Requirements

- Completed online application
- Provide official transcripts of all academic work taken previously at other colleges, universities, or professional schools.
- If fewer than 25 credit hours have been earned from a regionally accredited college or university, student should provide official high school transcript or GED scores, as well as ACT or SAT exam scores, OR as an alternative, applicants should instead submit an updated resume and elect to apply through the test-optional policy.
- Military service-connected, educational experiences may award transfer credits. Requests should be accompanied by documents describing the educational experience. (Seven semester hours of credit may be awarded.)
- Personal interview
- Complete an academic interest inventory at FSC
- If admitted, Polk County School Board background clearance

Application materials can be submitted electronically to [evening@flsouthern.edu](mailto:evening@flsouthern.edu) or mailed directly to:

**Office of Adult and Graduate Admission**  
 Florida Southern College  
 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive  
 Lakeland, FL 33801

## Next Steps

- Talk to your Admission Counselor about what Florida Southern has to offer you
- Attend an information session
- Complete the application online at [www.flsouthern.edu/apply](http://www.flsouthern.edu/apply)
- For more information, please call 863.680.4205

