

Elementary Teacher Licensure Program

The Elementary Teacher Licensure Program extends the opportunity to obtain teacher licensure to Naropa students not pursuing a BA in Elementary Education. This licensure qualifies one for teaching K-6 in public and private schools. To ensure workforce applicability, this program is designed to meet the Teacher Quality Standards, the Colorado Academic Standards, and the Colorado Elementary Content Standards required by the Colorado Department of Education.

Grounded in contemplative, as well as culturally and linguistically diverse pedagogies, this program is designed to cultivate the skills necessary for elementary teachers to create reflective, engaged, and effective learning environments. Combining contemporary best practices in teaching with mindfulness and wisdom traditions, The Elementary Teacher Licensure Program emphasizes the development of students' capacities to teach with presence and compassion in order to meet the complex needs of today's diverse classrooms.

The Teacher Licensure Program can be added to any undergraduate major at Naropa. With careful degree planning, up to 12 credits of the major requirements can fulfill BA Core Curriculum Area Requirements. Pursuing this professional licensure in addition to your primary degree requirements may require extra semesters to complete all applicable course work. It is important to work closely with your academic advisor and the financial aid office (if using financial aid or veterans education benefits) to ensure both major requirements and teacher licensure requirements can be fulfilled in a satisfactory timeframe.

Student Teaching and Field Placement/Practicum

Students perform a total of 800 hours of field placement/practicum and student teaching. Students should plan their schedules taking into account field placement requirements. Student teaching in a public or private elementary school is required in the last semester. Student teaching is a full-time job as pre-service candidates are the facilitator of learning in the classroom.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Endorsement

Naropa University's delivery of this endorsement prepares students to teach in culturally and linguistically diverse public and private school environments with presence and compassion. The curriculum required by the Colorado Department of Education to fulfill the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Endorsement is contained in specialized courses and interwoven into courses across the program. Unlike many other Teacher Licensure Programs, upon completion of this course of study, students will have satisfied both the Teacher Licensure credentialing requirements and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Endorsement, through the Colorado Department of Education, increasing their marketability and cultural responsiveness.

Licensure Requirements

Elementary Teacher Licensure Program with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Endorsement Requirements

Gateway (9)

- EDU150 [Foundations of Education for a Diverse Society](#) (3)
- EDU220 [Theories, Strategies, and Assessment for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse students K-12](#) (3)
- EDU245 [Multicultural Education and Contemplative Critical Pedagogy](#) (3)

*** A formal [Application for Continuance in the Teacher Licensure Program](#) must be submitted after completing the Gateway courses.

Milestone

Transformational Practices (12)

- EDU370 [Teaching the Exceptional Student in the General Education Classroom](#) (3)
- EDU375 [Assessment for the Diverse Learner](#) (3)
- EDU385 [Observing Childhood Growth and Development](#) (3)
- EDU425 [Elementary Social Studies Methods](#) (3)

Contemplative Practice & Study (3)

- TRA133 [Yoga I](#) (3) or physical education equivalent

Language and Communication (12)

- EDU340 [Linguistics for CLD Teachers](#) (3)
- EDU345 [Elementary Literacy I: Foundations of Reading](#) (3)
- EDU355 [Elementary Literacy II: Development of Oral and Written Language](#) (3)
- EDU445 [Elementary Literacy III: Foundations of Literature](#) (3)

Numeric Literacy (9)

- EDU315 [Math for teachers: Content, Curriculum and Mathematics Education](#) (3)
- Other mathematics credits needed (6)
Six credits of mathematics courses that address the following: Engages students in the concepts of school mathematics, including the recognition of numerical and geometric patterns and their application to a variety of mathematical situations; mathematical problem-solving, reasoning, critical thinking, and communication; algebraic thinking, representation, analysis, manipulation, generalizations and extensions, problem solving involving probability, elementary statistical concepts, congruence and similarity, the metric system and motion geometry and tessellation.*

Systems and Cycle (6)

- EDU300 [Nature and Education](#) (3)
- Other science credits needed (3)
Three credits of a science course that address the following: Examines the nature of energy and matter, their

interactions and changes, and the application of fundamental concepts to the study of our natural world, integrating the fundamental concepts and ideas about the nature of physics and chemistry with the natural world.*

Artistic Process (3)

- ART101 2-D Design: Art Techniques and Experimentation (3)

Our Place in the World (9)

- EDU348 US History of Immigration (3)
- ENV100 Physical Geography: Beholding the Body of the Earth (3)
- ENV253 Environmental Economics (3)

World Language (6)

- SPA101 Conversational Spanish I (3) or equivalent*
- SPA102 Conversational Spanish II (3) or equivalent*

Students must satisfactorily complete all Gateway and Milestone courses prior to Student Teaching. In addition, students must pass the elementary PRAXIS exam administered through CDE (fees associated with the exam are the responsibility of the student).

Capstone

- EDU475 Elementary Student Teaching (12)
- EDU480 Student Teaching Seminar (1)

Total Credits: 82

** May be satisfied through Advanced Placement (AP), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or transfer credit (through an individual consortium agreement if financial aid is needed). Contact your academic advisor for details.*