

# EARLY CHILDHOOD/ ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

University of Northern Iowa College of Education

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## ABOUT THE MAJOR

Early Childhood Education focuses on the academic, social and cognitive skills that develop in children from birth through preschool. Elementary Education refers to the primary education that comes after preschool but before middle school (typically kindergarten through fifth or sixth grade). Helping teach and empower the next generation is rewarding at any level. Educators have the power to shape the future and make a large impact on the leaders of tomorrow.

## SAMPLE COURSEWORK

Mathematical Reasoning for Elementary Teachers I	Development and Assessment of Young Children
Educational Technology and Design	Learning and Motivation in Classroom Contexts
Child, Family, School and Community Relationships	Methods of Teaching Early Literacy

## POSSIBLE CAREERS \*some titles may require further education

Infant and Toddler Teacher	Child Care Director	Literacy Education	ESL Teacher
Preschool Teacher	Resource Consultant	Librarian	Education Technology
Kindergarten Teacher	Program Coordinator	Elementary School Teacher	Reading Specialist
Primary Teacher	Day Care Provider	Special Education Teacher	

## UNI GRADUATES: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- Des Moines Public Schools
- Waterloo Community School District
- Waukee Community School District
- Cedar Rapids Community School District
- Johnston Community School District
- Washington Community School District
- Newton Community School District
- Grant Wood Area Education Agency
- AEA 267
- Heartland AEA
- Educational Design, LLC
- Walnut Street School
- Omaha Public Schools
- Woodward Academy
- Hilltop Primary School



## SKILLS NEEDED

- Problem-solving
- Patience
- Lesson planning
- Responsibility
- Creativity
- Discipline and decision making
- Communication skills
- Mentoring
- Adaptability
- Imagination
- Teamwork

## HOLLAND CODES

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