

After graduation or course completion, you must contact the Department of Education to apply for a teaching certificate, and follow all directions and requirements.

Always consult the experts!

**Maine Department of Education
Certification Office**

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UMPI/UMA Elementary Teacher Preparation Program

If you live beyond commuting distance to a teacher preparation program at a UMS campus, the UMPI-UMA Elementary Teacher Preparation Program is a flexible distance education alternative. This collaborative program offers two tracks to prepare for Elementary Teacher Certification.

Track 1: for people without a bachelor's degree

Enroll in UMA's Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, available at any University College Center or site, and complete a Minor Declaration Form to create a self-designed minor in Elementary Education. As an aspiring teacher, you will work closely with a UC advisor to ensure that you take the appropriate UMA liberal arts and UMPI ITV and/or online education courses to meet state expectations, including 15 credit hours of student teaching.

Track 2: for people with a BA or BS degree from an accredited institution

Consult with University College (UC) advisors as you complete the required education and liberal arts courses at your local Center or ITV site and the student teaching requirement.

For both options, you will work with UC and UMPI advisors to identify student teaching opportunities in your local area.

Conditional Certification

Students with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college may obtain information on conditional certification by reviewing the requirements in Chapter 115 Part II at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/05/chaps05.htm or by contacting the Maine DOE Certification Office for an application package.

Required UMPI distance education courses:

- EDU 387 Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Classrooms
- EDU 366 Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School
- EDU 361 Teaching Science in the Elementary School
- EDU 351 Teaching Elementary Reading
- EDU 371 Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School
- EDU 495 Student Teaching*

The Maine DOE also requires aspiring elementary teachers to complete a minimum of 6 credit hours in each of these four areas:

- Liberal Arts Mathematics
- Liberal Arts Social Studies
- Liberal Arts Science
- Liberal Arts English

Plus 3 semester hours of Children's Literature (available online from USM or UMM), Elementary Language Arts Methods or The Writing Process. An Education Foundations course is also recommended to prepare students for the Praxis exams.

This curriculum adheres to the State of Maine Department of Education's Requirements for Endorsement 020 "Elementary Teacher (K-8)" as described in Chapter 115, Part II.

*To be eligible for Student Teaching you must have:

- a 2.50 GPA cumulative average overall, in the professional sequence, and in the semester prior to student teaching,
- completed all professional education courses (at least 15 credit hours at UMPI),
- satisfactory evaluations in all prior field experiences,
- successfully completed the PRAXIS I Academic Skills Assessment test (Reading 176, Writing 175, Math 175 or composite score of 526, if no score is more than 3 points below the cut-off score),
- taken the PRAXIS II,
- completed the fingerprint process, and
- applied to the UMPI Director of Student Teaching at least one semester prior to placement.