



Elementary Education (Liberal Studies), B.A.

Find your future at Cal Poly Humboldt, which continues its commitment to fostering the educators of tomorrow. Experience teaching in local K-12 schools is a hallmark of our undergraduate, graduate, and credential programs, which are led by faculty who are dedicated to teaching and mentoring students.

Experience Your Learning

With small class sizes and faculty who are dedicated to mentoring students, the teacher preparation program at Cal Poly Humboldt includes undergraduate, graduate, and credential programs that emphasize practical experience working in classrooms with diverse students at local K-12 schools.

You'll be in the field, at any number of local schools that span 31 school districts in Humboldt County, working with youth from a wide range of linguistic, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, including tribal and Hmong communities.

Teachers for Social Justice is an educational community for first-year students, who'll find a network that supports them academically, enlightens them professionally, and connects them to resources that will help smoothly transition into the world of teaching.

Cal Poly Humboldt Chapter of the Student California Teaching Association plans volunteer opportunities in the community and elementary schools and other support activities.

The Promotrx Transformative Educators Program provides students who are passionate about issues in education an opportunity to explore, research, and develop their actions. The program includes educational enhancement activities, teaching activities, opportunities to attend conferences, and participation in Humboldt's social justice and equity events.

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- Addressing the array of backgrounds, needs, and abilities of today's youth, our program is built on a foundation of equity and social justice.
- Here, we are encouraged to take chances, becoming bolder as a result and readying us for future ambitions.
- Passion and creativity enhance our community and fuel careers of meaning.



Academics & Options

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The Liberal Studies Elementary Education (LSEE) program within the School of Education provides a program of study for a career in the field of elementary education. LSEE students begin observing and interacting in local partner schools from their first semester. As the program progresses and students continue to develop their teacher identities, they take on progressively intensive educational and pedagogical experiences in their practicum placements which include tutoring, small group, and whole class teaching responsibilities. Students acquire teaching skills in a safe environment, guided by a cooperating teacher and university faculty.

Program Concentrations

Elementary Education Concentration

This concentration is designed for students who wish to earn a bachelor's degree only or who have not met the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) credential admission requirements.

Elementary Education ITEP Concentration

The Elementary Education ITEP concentration allows students to complete a Bachelor of Arts Degree Liberal Studies and a Preliminary Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential in four years.

NOTE: The Liberal Studies Child Development Elementary Education program (LSCE) is different from LSEE and is a part of the Department of Child Development. See childdev.humboldt.edu for more info.

Post Baccalaureate Credential Programs

- Elementary Education Credential
- Secondary Education Credential
- Special Education Credential
- Educational Leadership Credential
- Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work
- School Psychology

Careers

You can convey information clearly, present and speak in public, ask probing questions, and engage learners in a meaningful, equitable way. Your Education degree will help you develop the knowledge and skills that are critical for your next step in life and transferable to any number of careers.

- Elementary School Educator
- Adolescent Activity Specialist
- After School Program Leader
- Child Abuse Prevention Worker
- Curriculum Specialist
- Director of Child/Family Services
- Preschool Teacher or Director
- Public Policy Analyst
- Recreation Leader
- Youth Counselor



This program taught me so much I could not fit into a small box. I learned core subjects, how to tailor to individual needs (within the subject matter and social-emotional), compassion and understanding for all of my students to give them the best education possible, teaching using best practices, how to research to ensure I am using best practices, engaging students in learning, understanding, or listening to others with differences of opinions (this will occur a lot in my career), and collaboration with others."

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