

Advising Gate Map

BS Elementary Education (PreK-grade 6) Undergraduate Program

Fall 2025

GATE 1: Preparation for Elementary Education Program (Pre-Majors, First and Sophomore Year)	
Pre-requisite Courses Needed to Apply to Gate 2:	ENG 112/120 (C- or higher): Written Communication <i>(or equivalent)</i>
	MAT 105 (C- or higher): Math for Elementary Education I
	EDU 200 (C or higher): Teachers, Schools and Society, <i>includes a field placement</i>
	SED 225 (C or higher): Introduction to Exceptionalities
Other Coursework:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on taking courses in the General Education program. • Begin to take courses in the Liberal Studies (LBS) major • You cannot take any EDU courses other than EDU 200 prior to admissions to Gate 2.
Other Requirements:	A 2.7 GPA or higher is required to apply for admission to Gate 2.
Apply to Gate 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for admissions to Gate 2 once you have completed ENG 112/120, MAT 105, EDU 200, and SED 225 and have at least a 2.7 GPA. Ideally, you apply in your sophomore year. • See the department website for details about the admissions process. https://inside.southernct.edu/curriculum-learning/undergraduate-advising

GATE 2A: Elementary Education Program Foundations (Junior Year)	
Courses:	EDU 316: Child Development and Psychology for Educators <i>(pre-req for EDU 414)</i>
	EDU 307: Children’s Literature and Literacy <i>(pre-req for EDU 471 or 472)</i>
	EDU 325: Best Practices in Classroom Management <i>(pre-req for EDU 475) Required Field Placement</i> COE 200: Social/Emotional Development module <i>(0 credits)</i>
	RDG 305: Emerging Literacies <i>(pre-req for EDU 408)</i> COE 201: Dyslexia module <i>(0 credits)</i>
	EDU 317: Science Education for the Elementary School <i>(can be taken in Gate 3)</i>
	EDU 321: Social Studies for Elementary Schools <i>(1.5 credits) (can be taken in Gate 3)</i>
Other Coursework:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete your General Education (Gen Ed) program and cognate courses. • Continue to take courses in the Liberal Studies (LBS) major.
Other Requirements:	Maintain at least a 2.7 GPA and earn a C or higher in all EDU courses.
Licensure Exams:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about licensure exams is available in the Student Success Guide on Blackboard. • It is recommended (not required) that you complete the Praxis II Multiple Subjects for Elementary Education exam prior to the start of your senior year.

GATE 2B: Advanced Education Program (2nd semester Junior/1st semester Senior Year)

Courses:	RDG 408: Developing Literacies in Elementary Education (pre-req. RDG 305) <i>Co-requisite EDU 475- you must sign up for these in the same semester.</i>
	EDU 475: Supervised Field Work (1 credit) <i>Co-requisite EDU 408. Required Field Placement</i>
	EDU 414: Applications of Child Development (pre-req. EDU 316)
	EDU 424: Teaching Mathematics in Elementary School (pre-req. MAT 106) <i>COE 203 – Computational Thinking Module (0 credits)</i>
	EDU 472: Nurturing Multilingual Students Across Disciplines (3 cr.) (pre-req. EDU 307) <i>OR</i> EDU 471: Supporting English Learners for School Success (1.5 cr.) (pre-req. RDG 307)
Other Coursework:	Complete all remaining requirements except Gate 3 coursework.
Other Requirements:	Maintain at least a 2.7 GPA and earn a C or higher in all EDU courses.
Licensure Exams:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended (not required) that you complete Foundations of Reading (FORT) exam after you take RDG 408. • It is highly recommended to complete ALL licensure exams prior to student teaching. However, it is NOT required to complete licensure exams to be approved to student teach or to graduate with your degree. • Information about licensure exams is available in the Student Success Guide on Blackboard
Apply for Student Teaching:	<p>You will apply for student teaching with the Office of Educational Services; look for emails from the Office of Educational Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you plan to student teach in a Fall semester: apply in November of the year BEFORE you intend to student teach. • If you plan to student teach in a spring semester: apply at the APRIL of the year BEFORE you intend to student teach.

GATE 3 – Program Capstone (Last semester of Senior Year)

Gate 3 Courses:	EDU 480: Student Teaching (11 credits) <i>Co-requisite EDU 480</i>
	EDU 485: Student Teaching Seminar (1 credit) <i>Co-requisite EDU 480</i>
Other Coursework:	All coursework and requirements must be completed PRIOR to student teaching. No other coursework can be taken during this semester.
Licensure Exams:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is highly recommended to complete your licensure exams prior to student teaching. However, it is NOT required to complete licensure exams to be approved to student teach or to graduate with your degree. • There is a performance-based assessment during student teaching. • Information about licensure exams is available in the Student Success Guide on Blackboard.
Applying for CT Licensure/ Certification:	<p>Information about applying for State Certification will be provided in EDU 485-Student Teaching Seminar. You do not apply until you have successfully completed the program including all Licensure Exams. Basic information can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.southernct.edu/education/apply-certification</p>