

# ACCELERATED ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE

## for Paraprofessionals and Substitute Teachers



“The Clarke University Education Department has listened to our local K-12 colleagues who have asked for this pathway and the online format allows working professionals to stay in the classroom while enhancing their skills and knowledge with Clarke. The cohort-style learning helps foster relationships among those enrolled, as well as with Clarke's well-renowned Education faculty. We are thrilled to offer this pathway to those passionate about education to help them take the next step in their careers and support future generations of learners.”

**Michaela Koch**

ATC COORDINATOR &  
INSTRUCTOR OF EDUCATION

For generations, Clarke University has been the area's leader for teacher education. Now, our accelerated elementary education degree creates a new pathway to expand access to that same high-quality program for aspiring teachers outside the traditional college setting. The Accelerated Elementary Education degree was designed to help professionals in the field, such as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals, take the next step in their careers while maintaining their ability to work full-time.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 74 credits via 8-week sessions focused on core teaching concepts
- Receive the support and guidance of our experienced faculty
- Cohort-style learning means you progress through the program with other area professionals
- Degree includes Reading Endorsement
- Optional Special Education Endorsement: Strategist I available via 18 additional credits
- **Start each May with degree completion in as little as 18 months.**  
For full consideration, completed applications must be received by May 1.



**100% ONLINE**

format



As little as  
**18 MONTHS**

to a bachelor's degree\*



**\$510/CREDIT**

before financial aid

*\*Additional courses may be required for licensure/degree completion depending on previous coursework taken*

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

Contact Michaela Koch, ATC Coordinator & Instructor of Education  
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# REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ Online application form
- ❑ Official academic transcripts from all higher education institutions attended
- ❑ Transcripts need to showcase forward academic progress and success in core academic coursework
- ❑ GPA of at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- ❑ Students with under 24 college credits may be asked to submit an official final high school transcript
- ❑ Submit a FAFSA to Clarke (school code 001852); *recommended*

## REQUEST MORE INFO AT

[clarke.edu/teacher-cert](http://clarke.edu/teacher-cert)



**Special Education Endorsement available via 18 extra credits in the fall semester, with student teaching in the Spring semester**

# REQUIRED CURRICULUM

## SUMMER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	SESSION	CREDITS
GNED 103	Foundations of Success	1	3
EDUC 100	Intro to Reflective Teaching	1	1
EDUC 200	Foundations of Education	1	3
EDUC 125	Educational Psychology	2	3
EDSP 200	Foundations of Special Education	2	3

## FALL

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	SESSION	CREDITS
EDUC 333	C & I in Math	1	3
EDUC 336	C & I in Science	1	3
EDUC 364	C & I in Health	1	1
EDUC 365	C & I in Physical Education	1	1
EDUC 334	Interdisciplinary Clinical	2	2
EDUC 332	Developmental Reading	2	2
EDUC 366	C & I in Art	2	1
EDUC 367	C & I in Music	2	1

## SPRING

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	SESSION	CREDITS
EDUC 331	C & I in Language Arts	1	3
EDUC 335	C & I in Elem Social Studies	1	3
EDUC 338	Emergent Literacy	1	3
EDUC 330	Literacy Clinical	2	2
EDUC 404	Reading Interventions	2	3
EDUC 119	Human Relations: Building Inclusive Communities	2	3

## SUMMER

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	SESSION	CREDITS
EDUC 420	Adv Pract & Instr in Reading	1	3
EDUC 450	Advanced Reading Methods	1	3
GNED 450	Seminar III	2	3

## FALL *\*moves to Spring with Special Education Endorsement*

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	SESSION	CREDITS
	Student Teaching + EDUC 499	Semester	15
EDSP 300	Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education	1	3