

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.EL.ED.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

PK-4 Early Childhood Option: Elementary Education, B.El.Ed. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{‡#}	3 CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 EDTHP 115S (GS/US) ^{*2}	3
MATH 200 (GQ) ^{**†}	3 MATH 201 (GQ) ^{*†1}	3
HIST 3, 12, 20, or 21 (GH/US) ^{*†}	3 General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3
General Education Course	3 HDFS 229 (GS) ^{*†}	3
	15	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CI 295A [*]	3 EDUC 466N (GS/GH) [*]	3
EDPSY 14 (GS)	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) ^{*‡}	3
Literature Course (GH) ^{*#‡}	3 GEOG 126 (GS/IL/US) ^{*†}	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	Optional Add-on Course ³	
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 301 [*]	3 EDUC 304 [*]	3
EDUC 305 [*]	3 EDUC 306 [*]	2
EDUC 315Y [*]	3 EDUC 320 [*]	3
EDUC 410 [*]	3 EDUC 352 [*]	3

EDUC 421 [*]	3 EDUC 353 [*]	3
EDUC 454 [*]	3 EDUC 404 [*]	3
Optional Add-on Courses ⁴	EDUC 495A [*]	1
	Optional Add-on Courses ⁵	
	18	18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 302 or SPLED 409C [*]	3 EDUC 385 [*]	3
EDUC 303 [*]	3 EDUC 490 [*]	9
EDUC 321 [*]	3 Optional Add-on Courses ⁷	
EDUC 403 [*]	3	
EDUC 495B [*]	3	
Optional Add-on Courses ⁶		
	15	12

Total Credits 123

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² If EDTHP 115S is not available, students may substitute EDTHP 115 and any course that meets the first-year seminar requirement.

³ **Optional add-on course (if offered)**

For Special Education Certificate: SPLED 404

⁴ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 467

For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 477

⁵ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 468

For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 452

⁶ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 469

For Special Education Certificate: PSYCH 443 and SPLED 418

⁷ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For Special Education Certificate: SPLED 462 (can be taken during summer or with academic advisor approved World Campus substitute) and EDUC 495: Special Education Internship

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PK-4 Early Childhood Option (3-Year Fast-Track): Elementary Education, B.El.Ed. at Harrisburg Campus

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Senior			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
		General Education Course (GA)	3
		EDTHP 115 (GS/US) ^{*2}	3
		CAS 100A (GWS) [‡]	3
	0	0	9

First Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ENGL 15 or 30T (GWS) ^{‡#}	3 General Education Course (Literature) ^{*#‡}	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) ^{*†}	3
HDFS 229 (GS) ^{*†}	3 HIST 3, 12, 20, or 21 (GH/US) ^{*†}	3 General Education Course (GN) (Earth Science) ^{*‡3}	3
CI 295A [*]	3 MATH 201 (GQ) ^{*†3}	3 General Education Course (GN) (Biological Science) ^{*‡3}	3
MATH 200 (GQ) ^{*#†}	3 GEOG 126 (GS/US/IL) ^{*†}	3	
EDPSY 14 (GS)	3 EDUC 466N (GH/GS) [*]	3	
	Elective	3	
	15	18	9

Second Year			
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
EDMTH 301 [*]	3 EDUC 304 [*]	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
EDUC 305 [*]	3 EDUC 320 [*]	3 General Education Course (GN) (Physical Science) ^{*‡3}	3
EDUC 410 [*]	3 EDUC 352 [*]	3 General Education Course (GHW)	3
EDUC 421 [*]	3 EDUC 353 [*]	3	
EDUC 454 [*]	3 EDUC 404 [*]	3	

EDUC 495A [*]		
15	16	9
Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 302 or SPLED 409C [*]	3 EDUC 306 [*]	2
EDUC 303 [*]	3 EDUC 385	3
EDUC 315Y [*]	3 EDUC 490	9
EDUC 321 [*]	3	
EDUC 403 [*]	3	
EDUC 495B [*]	3	
18	14	

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- 1 Summer session courses can be taken at Penn State Harrisburg or through Equivalent Transfer Courses. Check the PSU Transfer Tool (https://public.lionpath.psu.edu/psc/CSPRD/EMPLOYEE/SA/c/PE_AD077.PE_AD077_TRN_CRD_T.GBL?Page=PE_AD077_MAIN_SRCH&Action=U&) for Equivalent Transfer Courses.
- 2 If EDTHP 115S is not available, students may substitute EDTHP 115 and any course that meets the first-year seminar requirement.
- 3 GN courses must include one Biological Science, one Physical Science, and one Earth Science course.

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PK-4 Early Childhood Option (3-Year Fast-Track with HACC): Elementary Education, B.El.Ed. at Harrisburg Campus

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Senior							
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits				
		EDUC 140 or any ART Course (HACC Course) / General Education Course (GA) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3	PSYCH 209, 211, 212, or EDUC 185 (HACC Course) / HDFS 229 (GS) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 HIST 103 or 104 (HACC Course) / HIST 3, 12, 20, 21 (GH/US) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 ENVS 201, GEOG 101, or any ASTR, GEOL, METR (HACC Course) / General Education Course (GN: Earth Science) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3
		EDUC 110 (HACC Course) / EDTHP 115 (GS/US) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3	EDUC 120 or 290 (HACC Course) / CI 295A (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 MATH 114 (HACC Course) / MATH 201 (GQ) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 ANTH 215, HORT 101, or any BIOL (HACC Course) / General Education Course (GN: Biological Science) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3
		COMM 101 (HACC Course) / CAS 100A (GWS) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3	MATH 113 (HACC Course) / MATH 200 (GQ) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 GEOG 201 (HACC Course) / GEOG 40 (GS/IL) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)		
				ECON 201 (HACC Course) / ECON 104 (GS) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 EDUC 275 (HACC Course) / EDUC 466N (GH/US) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)		
	0	0	9		PSYCH 201 or EDUC 209 (HACC Course) / EDPSY 14 (GS) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)		
First Year							
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits				
ENGL 101 (HACC Course) / ENGL 15 (GWS) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 Literature Course (HACC Course) / General Education (Literature) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3 ENGL 102 (HACC Course) / ENGL 202A (GWS) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3		15	18	9
Second Year							
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits				
EDMTH 301 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 304 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 140 or any ART course (HACC Course) / General Education Course (GA) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3				

EDUC 305 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 353 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 PHSC 113 or any ASTR, CHEM, or PHYS (HACC Course) / General Education Course (GN: Physical Science) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3
EDUC 410 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 352 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 HLTH 101, NUTR 104, or any PE or WHP (HACC Course) / General Education Course (GHW) (Penn State Harrisburg Equivalent)	3
EDUC 454 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 320 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3	
EDUC 421 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 495A (Penn State Harrisburg)	1	
	EDUC 404 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3	
15		16	9

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDUC 321 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 306 (Penn State Harrisburg)	2
EDMTH 302 or SPLED 409C (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 385 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3
EDUC 315Y (Penn State Harrisburg)	3 EDUC 490 (Penn State Harrisburg)	9
EDUC 303 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3	
EDUC 495B (Penn State Harrisburg)	3	
EDUC 403 (Penn State Harrisburg)	3	
18		14

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Advising Notes:

- Check the PSU Transfer Tool (https://public.lionpath.psu.edu/psc/CSPRD/EMPLOYEE/SA/c/PE_AD077.PE_AD077_TRN_CRD_T.GBL?Page=PE_AD077_MAIN_SRCH&Action=U&) for Equivalent Transfer Courses.

Grades 4-8 English/Language Arts and Reading Option: Elementary Education, B.El.Ed. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{†#}	3 CAS 100A or 100S [†]	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 EDTHP 115S (GS/US) ^{*2}	3
MATH 200 (GQ) ^{**†}	3 MATH 201 (GQ) ^{*†1}	3
HIST 3, 12, 20, or 21 (GH/US) ^{*†}	3 General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3
General Education Course	3 HDFS 239 (GS) ^{*†}	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CI 295B [*]	3 EDUC 466N (GS/GH) [*]	3
EDPSY 14 (GS)	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) ^{*†}	3
Literature Course (GH) ^{*#†}	3 GEOG 126 (GS/IL/US) ^{*†}	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 Literature Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Optional Add-on Course ³	
	16.5	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 301 or SPLED 409C [*]	3 EDUC 304 [*]	3
EDUC 305 [*]	3 EDUC 320	3
EDUC 315Y [*]	3 EDUC 322 [*]	3
EDUC 454 [*]	3 EDUC 352 [*]	3
ENGL 470 [*]	3 EDUC 353 [*]	3
Optional Add-on Course ⁴	EDUC 495A [*]	1
	Optional Add-on ⁵	
	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 302 [*]	3 EDUC 385 [*]	3
EDUC 303 [*]	3 EDUC 490 [*]	9
EDUC 321 [*]	3 Optional Add-on Course ⁷	
EDUC 416 [*]	3	
EDUC 495B [*]	3	

Optional Add-on Course⁶

15	12
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³ **Optional add-on course (if offered)**
For Special Education Certificate: SPLED 404

⁴ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**
For ESL Certificate: EDUC 467
For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 477

⁵ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**
For ESL Certificate: EDUC 468
For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 452

⁶ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**
For ESL Certificate: EDUC 469
For Special Education Certificate: PSYCH 443 and SPLED 418

⁷ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**
For Special Education Certificate: SPLED 462 (can be taken during summer or with academic advisor approved World Campus substitute) and EDUC 495: Special Education Internship

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Grades 4-8 Mathematics Option: Elementary Education, B.El.Ed. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{‡#}	3 CAS 100A or 100S [†]	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 EDTHP 115S (GS/US) ^{*2}	3
MATH 200 (GQ) ^{**†}	3 MATH 201 (GQ) ^{*†1}	3
HIST 3, 12, 20, or 21 (GH/US) ^{*†}	3 General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3
General Education Course	3 HDFS 239 (GS) ^{*†}	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CI 295B [*]	3 EDUC 466N (GS/GH) [*]	3
EDPSY 14 (GS)	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) ^{*†}	3
Literature Course (GH) ^{**†}	3 GEOG 126 (GS/IL/US) ^{*†}	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 MATH 37	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
MATH 22	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	Optional Add-on Course ³	
	18	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 301 or SPLED 409C [*]	3 EDUC 304 [*]	3
EDUC 305 [*]	3 EDUC 320	3
EDUC 315Y [*]	3 EDUC 352 [*]	3
EDUC 454 [*]	3 EDUC 353 [*]	3
MATH 140 [*]	4 EDUC 495A [*]	1
Optional Add-on Courses ⁴	STAT 200	4
	Optional Add-on Courses ⁵	
	16	17

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 302 [*]	3 EDUC 385 [*]	3
EDUC 303 [*]	3 EDUC 490 [*]	9
EDUC 321 [*]	3 Optional Add-on Courses ⁷	
EDUC 417 [*]		3
EDUC 495B [*]		3

Optional Add-on Courses⁶

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³ **Optional add-on course (if offered)**

For Special Education Certificate: SPLED 404

⁴ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 467

For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 477

⁵ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 468

For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 452

⁶ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 469

For Special Education Certificate: PSYCH 443 and SPLED 418

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Grades 4-8 Social Studies Option: Elementary Education, B.El.Ed. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

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ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{‡#}	3 CAS 100A or 100S [†]	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 EDTHP 115S (GS/US) ^{*2}	3
MATH 200 (GQ) ^{**†}	3 MATH 201 (GQ) ^{*†1}	3
HIST 12 (GH/US) ^{*†}	3 General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3
General Education Course	3 HDFS 239 (GS) ^{*†}	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15	16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CI 295B [*]	3 EDUC 466N (GS/GH) [*]	3
EDPSY 14 (GS)	3 ENGL 202A (GWS) ^{*†}	3
American Literature Course (GH) ^{**†}	3 GEOG 126 (GS/IL/US) ^{*†}	3
General Education Course (GN) ^{*†1}	3 HIST 320, 20, 21, or PLSC 1 (GH/US)	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
HIST 320, 20, 21, or PLSC 1 (GH/US)	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	Optional Add-on Course ³	
	18	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 301 or SPLED 409C [*]	3 EDUC 304 [*]	3
EDUC 305 [*]	3 EDUC 320	3
EDUC 315Y [*]	3 EDUC 352 [*]	3
EDUC 454 [*]	3 EDUC 353 [*]	3
HIST 320, 20, 21, or PLSC 1 (GH/US)	3 EDUC 495A [*]	1
Optional Add-on Courses ⁴	HIST 320, 20, 21, or PLSC 1 (GH/US)	3
	Optional Add-on Courses ⁵	
	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDMTH 302 [*]	3 EDUC 385 [*]	3
EDUC 303 [*]	3 EDUC 490 [*]	9
EDUC 321 [*]	3 Optional Add-on Courses ⁷	
EDUC 415 [*]	3	
EDUC 495B [*]	3	

Optional Add-on Courses⁶

15

12

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³ **Optional add-on course (if offered)**

For Special Education Certificate: SPLED 404

⁴ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 467

For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 477

⁵ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 468

For Special Education Certificate: EDUC 452

⁶ **Optional add-on courses (if offered)**

For ESL Certificate: EDUC 469

For Special Education Certificate: PSYCH 443 and SPLED 418

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