



Elementary Education (Puerto Rico)

- CIP code 131202 • 30 credits, 4 terms full-time; 36 credits with Subspecialization in Teaching Spanish as a Second Language
- Program approved by the Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions and offered in compliance with the recertification regulations of the Puerto Rico Department of Education (DEPR).

Program Description

The program for elementary level teacher recertification admits students who aspire to teach in public schools or private institutions. Students are prepared with the appropriate skills and knowledge to help them find their first job as a fourth to sixth grade elementary educator. Graduates are career-ready, technologically savvy, and culturally competent to advance social justice causes. Those who choose to subspecialize in teaching Spanish as a Second Language will be prepared to teach any curriculum courses for students in grades 4-6 who are not fluent in Spanish.

Learning Outcomes

Students learn the principles and knowledge elementary educators need, including teaching strategies for students with diverse abilities and languages in different academic areas. This includes, but is not limited to, working in collaborative learning groups and co-teaching exercises that transfer to the classroom. Students will investigate best classroom practices and creation of teaching reports. Learning is personalized through independent projects that help to prepare the educator for the profession. If electing the subspecialization in teaching Spanish as a Second Language, students will acquire the competencies needed to teach non-fluent Spanish-language students.

Careers

Graduates may request recertification from the Department of Education of Puerto Rico if they already possess certifications in other areas, and are qualified for employment in public and private schools, and/or to establish elementary teaching partnerships. Upon completion of the subspecialization, student may pursue a career as a bilingual Spanish teacher.

Program for recertification by the Puerto Rico Department of Education. Prior valid Puerto Rico teacher certification in another area or discipline required.

Program and courses subject to change.

This is a **hybrid** delivered program, with 60% of classes delivered synchronously and 40% delivered asynchronously through Canvas Learning Management System.

Core Courses 27 credits

All courses are offered in Spanish

ELE 510	Developmental Psychology	Fall
ELE 522	Teaching Reading & Writing Skills for Elementary Curriculum	Fall
ESP 615	Assistive Technology: Modifying Curriculum for Diverse Learners	All terms
MAT 623R	Teaching Numeric & Geometric Structures for Elementary Curriculum	Spring
ELE 654	Teaching Science & Technology for Elementary Curriculum	Spring
ELE 621	Integration of Children's Literature for Elementary Curriculum	Summer
ELE 657	Teaching Social Science, History & Multicultural Elementary Curriculum	Summer
EIT 712*	Using Educational Technology to Improve Teaching & Learning in Physical & Virtual Environments.	All terms
ELE 600	Alternative Assessment: Theory and Practice	Fall

Electives

Students who do not wish to specialize further will choose only one elective, while those pursuing the subspecialization in Teaching Spanish as a Second Language will take three electives as prescribed.

Elementary Education 4-6 3 credits

ELE 630R*	Classroom Management with Models of Teaching for Special Needs Students' Inclusion	Spring or Summer
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OR any one (1) of the courses below.

Elementary Education 4-6 with Subspecialization 9 credits

Teaching Spanish as a Second Language

ELE 601R	Foundations of Bilingual Education K-12	Spring or Fall
ELE 602R	Teaching Spanish as a Second Language K-12	Summer
ELE 603R	Sociolinguistics Fundamentals	Summer

**EIT 712 and ELE 630R are additional requirements for teacher certification under the Puerto Rico Department of Education Teacher Certification Regulation 9375 of 2022.*

All courses 3 credits except as noted.