Dual Certification Programs

Early Childhood Special Education/Early Childhood Education, Special Education/Elementary Education, and Special Education/Secondary Education

Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education

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- ELE 3250 - Facilitating Learning in Early Childhood Programs. Credits: 3
- ELE 3281 - Developmental Reading in Early Childhood. Credits: 3
- ELE 40001 - Practicum in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction. Credits: 1
  (See footnote 1)
- ELE 40002 - Practicum in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction. Credits: 1
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- ELE 4770 - Methods and Curriculum in the Primary Grades. Credits: 3
- ELE 4776 - Early Childhood Education: History and Philosophy. Credits: 3
- ELE 4880 - Diagnostic-Prescriptive Reading Instruction. Credits: 3

Footnote:

1 Take ELE 40001 with Block I and ELE 40002 with Block II.
Proposed Changes:

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- ELE 3225 - Early Childhood Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment: Birth - Age Five. Credits: 4
- ELE 3250 - Early Childhood Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment in the Primary Grades (K-3). Credits: 3
- ELE 3281 - Developmental Reading in Early Childhood. Credits: 3
- ELE 40001 - Practicum in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction. Credits: 1
  (See footnote 1)
- ELE 40002 - Practicum in Elementary Curriculum and Instruction. Credits: 1
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- ELE 4100 – Assessing Student Learning: A Field-Based Experience. Credits: 3
- ELE 4770 - Teaching Science and Social Science in the Primary Grades (K-3). Credits: 3
- ELE 4775 – Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood. Credits: 3
- ELE 4776 – Early Childhood Education: History and Philosophy. Credits: 3
- ELE 4280 – Content Area Reading in the Elementary, Middle and Secondary School. Credits: 3
- ELE 4880 - Diagnostic-Prescriptive Reading Instruction. Credits: 3

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