

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:
WEDNESDAY JUNE 9TH AT 4:00 IN THE KANSAS ROOM
BCC EL DORADO CAMPUS



About the Elementary Education program at Emporia State University:

The Department of Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher Education at Emporia State University currently offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education (BSE).

This undergraduate program permits students who successfully complete all the requirements for the BSE to be recommended for Kansas teacher certification to teach Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. The BSE program is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Kansas State Board of Education.

ESU's Elementary Education program in the Wichita Area:

In the fall of 2004, ESU made this nationally acclaimed elementary education program available in the Wichita area through Butler Community College (BCC), called the "BEST" (Butler/Emporia Students to Teachers) program. Students who enroll in this program will complete a two year Associates of Arts Degree from BCC and continue on to get a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Emporia State University. Admissions requirements, course offerings, degree completion, and certification requirements for students in the 2+2 program at BCC are the same as required of all ESU students. Degrees in Secondary Education and degrees in other education fields such as Special Education or Early Childhood are only available on campus in Emporia.

Transfer agreement for this 2+2 program:

Butler Community College and ESU have a long-standing articulation agreement that specifies which BCC courses will transfer as general education requirements to the ESU program. The transfer agreement/course equivalency list is available at the following website:

<http://www.emporia.edu/regist/heart/butler.htm>. Questions about the General Education classes or about an Associates Degree from BCC need to be directed to the BCC counselors.

The program requires 136 hours for degree completion:

If students are enrolled full time (17-18 hours per semester), this is the time frame for finishing the degree:

Year 1-General Education classes at BCC

Year 2-General Education classes at BCC

Year 3-evening/weekend/internet courses taught by ESU faculty at the BCC El Dorado campus.

Year 4-Internship/Student Teaching at a Professional Development School (8:00-5:00 Mon-Fri)

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PDS- Professional Development School:

Students are assigned to a Professional Development School (PDS) for the final year (Block 2 and 3) of the program. PDS gives students the opportunity to work in a school setting where university and public school faculty work together. The PDS model is a collaborative, field-based clinical school experience. A major factor in the success of the Emporia State PDS program has been the highly trained and committed mentor teachers at each school site who work with the student teachers. ESU has such partnerships with the following school districts- Olathe, Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Kansas, Emporia, El Dorado and Topeka. Students may begin their program in either the fall or the spring semester.

Second Bachelors and transfer students:

Students may transfer into the program from another University or Community College and do not have to complete their associates degree from BCC. If transfer students still need to take general education classes, they may do so at BCC. All transfer and second bachelors' students must complete all of the courses listed on the blue BEST pamphlet.

Admissions to ESU:

Students must be admitted to Emporia State University to register for classes in the BEST program. Students may apply for admissions by contacting the Admissions Office at 1-877-468-6378, or by visiting the website at <http://www.emporia.edu/admiss/>. Application forms are also available upon request for students who want to mail an application to the office. Along with the application for admissions, students must send an application fee and registration fee. Transfer students will also need to include official transcripts. Once a student has been admitted to ESU, they will receive an acceptance letter, and may then enroll in classes. Transfer students will also receive an official transcript analysis form that will tell them which general education classes have been accepted and applied toward their ESU Elementary Education program.

Financial Aid:

Financial Aid is available from both BCC for the General Education portion of the program and from ESU for the Elementary Education portion of the program. Students who are taking classes from both BCC and ESU at the same time may qualify for joint financial aid. Students need to contact both financial aid offices to find out more information.

LifeLong Learning:

All internet and distance programs (including the 2+2 program) are coordinated through the Life Long Learning Department. 1-877-332-4249 or <http://lifelong.emporia.edu>. Refer to the LifeLong Learning web page for the most up-to-date information on the BEST program.

Course Offerings and Enrollment procedures:

Each semester, the course offerings will be listed on the Life Long Learning website. ESU classes will be offered on a rotational basis. Admitted students may enroll in classes by contacting an Elementary Education Advisor.

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Advising procedures:

It is recommended that students meet with an advisor to assist in the planning of their education career. An ESU advisor is currently available in Building 1500, Room 140 at the BCC El Dorado campus. Many questions may also be answered over the phone by calling the BCC/ESU Advisor or the Elementary Education Advising Office on the ESU campus.

Requirements for the Elementary Education program:

ESU maintains a program of quality and high standards. Because of this, students must meet specific requirements prior to entry into the upper level (Block I) portion of the program. Requirements include minimum grade point average, passing scores on the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST), documentation of completing 100 hours of supervised work experience with children or youth, and successful completion of a reading, spelling, and handwriting tests. Application for this portion of the program also includes professional agreement statements, which the student must sign. Students must apply and be accepted into the Block 1 program. Applications are due to the ESU Elementary Advising Office by October 1st for spring Block 1 and March 1st for summer and fall Block 1. There are additional requirements for acceptance into Block 2 and Block 3, which are the two PDS semesters. These requirements include recommendations from faculty and health clearance for participating in a school setting. All of the requirements are listed in the BEST pamphlet.

Degree Recommendation and Kansas Licensure:

Upon successful completion of all Elementary Education degree requirements and successful completion of the PPST, the Principals of Learning Test (PLT), and all required content area tests, students will be recommended for licensure by the Kansas Department of Education as a teacher for grades K-6. Licensure will be conditional and a performance assessment must be completed to obtain a professional license.

For Questions about the ESU program, or to enroll in classes, contact:

- Merle Patterson (ESU advisor for the BEST program)
elemadvi@emporia.edu

- Matt Seimears (ESU professor at the BEST program)
elemadvi@emporia.edu

- Elementary Education Advising Office
620-341-5770
elemadvi@emporia.edu

- Butler Advising Center
316-322-3163
advising@butlercc.edu

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Additional helpful phone numbers -ESU

Toll-free number to main campus	1-877-GO-TO-ESU
Admissions	1-877-468-6378
Life Long Learning (extension programs)	1-877-332-4249
Financial Aid	1-800-896-0587
ESU advisors at BCC	316-322-3350

Phone numbers at BCC:

Admissions	316-321-BCCC (2222)
Advising	316-322-3163
Financial Aid	316-321-BCCC (2222)

Websites:

Main ESU web page <http://www.emporia.edu>
Admissions <http://www.emporia.edu/esu/prostu.htm>
Financial Aid <http://www.emporia.edu/finaid>
Life Long Learning <http://lifelong.emporia.edu>
(This is the site where course sequence and course offerings are listed)
Butler <http://www.butlercc.edu>

To find the Transfer Agreement on the ESU website, follow these steps:

www.emporia.edu
Admissions
Frequently Asked Questions
Transferring to ESU
Click on www.emporia.edu/regist/com/trfr.htm (in the paragraph)
Ks. Community Colleges
Choose your college
Scroll down to Elementary Education

To find the WEB SITE for our program, follow these steps:

www.emporia.edu
Click on "Academics"
Click on "Lifelong Learning"
Click on "Elementary Education Distance Program" logo

OFFICE HOURS FOR JUNE 2004

A representative from ESU will be at BCC once a week in Building 1500, Room 140:

Wed. June 9 th	3:30-6:30 p.m. - Informational meeting at 4:00 in the Kansas Room
Wed. June 16 th	3:30-6:30 p.m.
Mon. June 21 st	3:30-6:30 p.m.
Mon. June 28 th	3:30-6:30 p.m.