



Elementary Education 4-6 (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.

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Core Courses 27 credits

All courses are offered in Spanish

- ELE 510 Developmental Psychology
- ELE 522 Teaching Reading & Writing Skills for Elementary Grades 4-6
- ESP 615 Assistive Technology: Modifying Curriculum for Diverse Learners
- MAT 623R Teaching Numerical & Geometric Structures for Elementary 4-6 Students
- ELE 654 Teaching Science & Technology 4-6
- ELE 621 Integration of Children's Literature for Elementary Grades 4-6 Curriculum
- ELE 657 Teaching Social Science, History & Multicultural Elementary Curriculum 4-6
- EIT 712 Using Educational Technology to Improve Teaching and Learning
- ELE 600 Alternative Assessment: Theory and Practice

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 630 Classroom Management with Models of Teaching **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
- ELE 602R Teaching Spanish as a Second Language K-12
- ELE 603R Sociolinguistics Fundamentals

All courses 3 credits except as noted.