Elementary Education
Career Outlook 2014–2015

Elementary Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Elementary Education Teacher Licensure (B.S.)
Endorsements: Preprimary, Mathematics (5-8) Social Studies (5-8) and Science, (5-8).
Licensures: Preprimary-6th Grade; K-6th
Department Website: https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/professional-education/

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:
The teacher is a reflective professional who nurtures the potential of individuals through a knowledge of child and adolescent development and who addresses the diversity of student needs in a multicultural society. The teacher has the ability to mesh effectively the methodologies, theories, concepts, and principles upon which the art and science of education are built. Working from a pedagogical and academic knowledge base, the teacher integrates these elements into effective teaching to promote growth in cognitive and affective learning. In addition, the teacher, as a life-long learner, keeps abreast of current trends and research while working with colleagues, administrators, other professionals, and parents to enhance the educational process now and in the future. The model that forms the basis for the programs is fully described in the department's Handbook for Education Majors. Students should see their advisors to plan suitable programs of study. Note that some courses have prerequisites. The majority of courses taken in the first and second year are in liberal education (42 credits minimum). The Elementary Education major may be taken either with or without an endorsement area. The major plus the Preprimary Endorsement qualifies for licensure to teach children age three through sixth grade. The major plus the Social Studies Endorsement or Mathematics Endorsement qualifies for licensure to teach all subjects in kindergarten through sixth grade and the content area of Social Studies or Mathematics in middle-level settings (grades 5-8).

EMPLOYMENT AREAS:
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school teachers held about 2,599,300 jobs in 2012. Of the teachers in those jobs, about 1,519,700 were kindergarten and elementary school teachers, 614,400 were middle school teachers, and 438,200 were preschool teachers. The majority work in local government educational services. About 10 percent worked for private schools. Preschool teachers, except special education, are most often employed in child daycare services (54 percent), religious organizations (21 percent), and public and private educational services (16 percent). Employment of teachers is geographically distributed much the same as the population.

PROJECTED DEMAND FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS IN MINNESOTA:
MnCareers reports that the outlook for elementary school teachers is good, with about 26,760 currently employed in Minnesota. Retirement replacements are needed. The median income of elementary teachers in Minnesota is about $57,250 annually. There are also 7,300 preschool teachers in Minnesota, with a median annual income of $28,180 annually.

PROJECTED DEMAND FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS NATIONWIDE:
Focus™2 reports that the nationwide demand for elementary school teachers is expected to grow about as fast as average through 2022, with people established in their career generally earning between $40,850 and $63,600 per year. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers the average starting salary of elementary teachers was $38,700 in 2012. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports median annual wages of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from $34,460 to $53,130 in May 2011.
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Elementary Education graduates, especially for those students willing to relocate nationally. Of the Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Elementary Education graduates, 93.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status. Elementary Education majors earned starting salaries between $30,555 and $42,000.

| LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Aitkin Public Schools            | First Grade Teacher | Aitkin, MN      |
| Albert Lea Area Schools          | Fourth Grade Teacher | Albert Lea, MN  |
| Aldine School District           | Teacher            | Houston, TX     |
| Alexandria School District       | Learning Resource Teacher | Alexandria, MN |
| Anoka-Hennepin School District   | Teacher            | Anoka, MN       |
| Ashby School District            | K1 Literacy Teacher/Substitute | Ashby, MN |
| Ashern Central School            | Teacher            | Ashern, MB      |
| Bemidji Bylaw School             | Paraprofessional   | Bemidji, MN     |
| Bemidji School District          | Third Grade Teacher | Bemidji, MN     |
| Benedict Team Development Pre-School | Pre-School Teacher | Duluth, MN      |
| Bering Strait School District    | Third Grade Teacher | St. Michael, AK |
| Big Stone School District        | Middle School Teacher | Big Stone, SD   |
| Birch Grove Elementary School    | Reading Coach      | Brooklyn Park, MN |
| Blackduck School District        | Kindergarten Teacher | Blackduck, MN   |
| Boreal Access-Cook County Schools| Fourth Grade Teacher | Grand Marais, MN |
| Brainerd School District         | Fourth Grade Teacher | Brainerd, MN    |
| Brevig Mission School            | Elementary Teacher | Brevig Mission, AK |
| BRIC                             | MMMI Teacher       | Bemidji, MN     |
| Brooklyn Center School District  | Elementary Teacher | Brooklyn Center, MN |
| Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School         | Teacher            | Bena, MN        |
| Bullhead City School District    | Fourth Grade Teacher | Bullhead City, AZ |
| Burnsville School District       | Teacher            | Burnsville, MN  |
| C. E. Jacobson Elementary School | Sixth Grade Teacher/Coach | Rush City, MN   |
| Calvary Baptist Christian School | Teacher            | Watertown, WI   |
| Camelback Academy                | First Grade Teacher | Peoria, AZ      |
| Campus Playhouse                 | Teacher            | Brainerd, MN    |
| Cartwright School District       | Sixth Grade Teacher | Phoenix, AZ     |
| Casa Grande                      | Teacher            | Rochester, MN   |
| Cass Lake School District        | Kindergarten Teacher | Cass Lake, MN   |
| Cedar Mountain Elementary        | Fifth Grade Teacher | Franklin, MN    |
| Centennial School District       | Librarian/Title 1 Teacher | Circle Pines, MN |
| Centennial School District #12   | Eighth Grade Math Teacher | Lino Lakes, MN |
| Centered On Kids                 | Head Toddler Teacher | Moorhead, MN    |
| Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools    | Second Grade Teacher | Charlotte, NC   |
| Cherry Creek Presbyterian Preschool | Preschool Teacher | Greenwood Village, CO |
| Children’s Home Society          | Pre-School Teacher | St. Paul, MN    |
| Children’s World                 | Preschool Teacher  | Burnsville, MN  |
| Chisago Lakes Elementary School  | Second Grade Elementary Teacher | Chisago Lakes, MN |
| Christ the King School           | Fifth and Sixth Grade Teacher | Browerville, MN |
| Christian Heritage School        | Elementary Teacher | Steamboat Springs, CO |
| Circle of Life School            | Reading/Math Specialist | White Earth, MN |
| Clay County Schools-Pine Elementary | Kindergarten Teacher | Middleberg, FL  |
| Clearbrook-Gonvick School District | Teacher               | Clearbrook, MN  |
| Climax-Shelly School District    | Reading/Testing Coordinator/Coach | Climax, MN |
| Columbia Public Schools          | Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher | Columbia, MO    |
| Concord Elementary School        | Special Education Para-Professional | Edina, MN      |
| Concordia Creative Learning Academy | First/Second Grade Teacher | St. Paul, MN |
| Conseil Des Scolaire Catholique  | English Teacher    | Fort Frances, Ontario |
Coolidge Unified School District
Crestview Elementary School
Crosslake Community School
Crosswinds Middle School
Cumberland Road Montessori School
Dayton's Bluff Elementary School
DC Public Schools
Deer River Boys and Girls Club
Deer River School District
Desert Valley Elementary School
Detroit Lakes School District
Digital Advisory and Learning Center
Discovery Club-St. Paul School District
Drayton Public School
Eagle Valley High School
East Grand Forks Head Start Program
East Grand Forks Schools
ECFE-Brainerd
Edgewood Middle School
Elk River Area School District
Elk River School District – Lincoln Elementary
Falcon Ridge Middle School
Faribault School District
Fergus Falls Public Schools
Fillmore Central School
Florence School District-Magma Ranch
Foley School District
Forest Lake School District
Garden City Public Schools
Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop School District
Goodrich School District
Greenbush School District
Greenway School District
Gym Bin
Heartland Christian Academy
Hmong International Academy
Imagine Rosefield
Indus School District
International Falls School District
International School of Capetown
Jordan Public School District
Lake City School District
Lancaster School District
Legacy Christian Academy
Little Falls School District
Little Victories Flexible Preschool
Mahnomen School District
Menahga School District
Merritt Elementary
Midwest Child Development
Milaca Public Schools
Minneapolis School District
Minnetonka School District
Mn West Technical College
Monticello School District
Mora School District
Naytahwaush Charter School

Second Grade Teacher
Sixth Grade Teacher
Special Education Paraprofessional
Mathematics Teacher
Montessori Teacher-Grades 1-3
Second Grade Teacher
Teacher
Assistant Unit Director
Sixth Grade Teacher
Elementary Teacher
Fourth Grade Teacher
English Teacher/Center Manager
Group Leader/Teacher
Elementary Teacher
Middle School Math/Science Teacher
Head Start Coordinator
Third Grade Teacher
Pre-K Teacher
Mathematics Teacher
Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
Teacher
Second Grade Teacher
Teacher
Preschool Teacher
Math Teacher
Paraprofessional
Elementary Teacher
Science Teacher
Teacher
Middle School Teacher
First Grade Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Pre-School Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
Elementary Teacher
First Grade Teacher
Second Grade Teacher
Fourth Grade Teacher
Remedial Teacher
Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Elementary Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
First Grade Teacher
Lead Pre-K Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Pre-School Teacher
Teacher
Math and Reading Interventionist

Coolidge, AZ
Cottage Grove, MN
Crosslake, MN
Woodbury, MN
Fayetteville, NC
St Paul, MN
Washington, DC
Deer River, MN
Deer River, MN
Glendale, AZ
Detroit Lakes, MN
Nairobi
St. Paul, MN
Drayton, ND
Eagle Bend, MN
East Grand Forks, MN
East Grand Forks, MN
Brainerd, MN
Mounds View, MN
Rogers, MN
Elk River, MN
Apple Valley, MN
Faribault, MN
Fergus Falls, MN
Harmony, MN
Florence, AZ
Pierz, MN
Forest Lake, MN
Garden City, KS
Gibbon, MN
Goodrich, MN
Greenbush, MN
Greenway, MN
Bemidji, MN
Bemidji, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Surprise, AZ
Indus, MN
International Falls, MN
Capetown, South Africa
Jordan, MN
Lake City, MN
Lancaster, MN
Andover, MN
Little Falls, MN
Stillwater, MN
Mahnomen, MN
Menahga, MN
Mt. Iron, MN
St. Paul, MN
Milaca, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Minnetonka, MN
Missoula, MT
Sioux Falls, SD
Monticello, MN
Mora, MN
Naytahwaush, MN
Nett Lake School District
New Richmond School District
Norman County West Elementary
Odyssey Academy
Onamia School District
Orono School District
Otsego School District
Owatonna Public Schools
Parkview Center School
Peace Maker Resources
Pine City Elementary
Pine River-Backus Elementary School
Ponemah School District
Prairie Elementary School
Primrose School
Red Lake School District
REM Northstar
Remer School District
Renville Public Schools
Rochester Public School District
Rochester School District
Roseau Elementary School
Rothsay Public School
Rush City School District
Sacred Heart Area School
Saint Paul Public Schools
Sauk Rapids Middle School
Schoolcraft Learning Community
Self Employed
Self Employed
Sibley East School District
Simmons Middle School
Sioux Falls School District
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas
South Koochiching, River School District
South Washington County School District
Spring Lake Park School District
St. Francis School District
St. Mary's Mission School
St. Paul School District
St. Philips Catholic School
St. Timothy's School
Stellher Human Services
Stepping Stones Learning Center
Stewartville School District
STRIDE Academy
Thief River Falls School District
Three Rivers CAP
Triton School District
United States Air Force
University Nursery School
Verndale School District
Virginia School District
Voyageurs Expeditionary School
West Fargo Public Schools
Win-E-Mac School District
Worthington School District
Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District
First Grade Teacher
Second Grade Teacher
Teacher
First/Second Grade Teacher
Elementary Title Teacher
First Grade Teacher
Fifth Grade Teacher
Reading Intervention
Third Grade Teacher
Cooperative Skills Instructor
Fourth Grade Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
Second Grade Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Early Preschool Teacher
Elementary Teacher
Program Director
Fourth Grade Teacher
Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
Second Grade Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Discovery Club-Teacher
Sixth Grade Math Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Child Care Provider
Daycare Provider
Elementary Teacher
Arts and Literature Teacher
Third Grade Teacher
Second Grade Teacher
Literacy Coordinator
First Grade Teacher
Math Teacher
Basic Skills Teacher
Kindergarten Teacher
Teacher
Teacher
Band Teacher
School Based Behavior Interventionist
Preschool Teacher
Fourth Grade Teacher
Teacher
Social Studies Teacher
Preschool Teacher/Family Advocate
Reading Corps
Preschool Teacher
Pre-School Teacher
Math Interventionist
Third Grade Teacher
Math Advisor
First Grade Teacher
First Grade Teacher
Sixth Grade Teacher
Fifth Grade Teacher
Nett Lake, MN
New Richmond, WI
Hendrum, MN
Brooklyn Center, MN
Onamia, MN
Orono, MN
Otsego, MN
Owatonna, MN
Roseville, MN
Bemidji, MN
Pine City, MN
Pine River, MN
Ponemah, MN
Urbana, IL
Savage, MN
Red Lake, MN
Ada, MN
Remer, MN
Renville, MN
Rochester, MN
Rochester, MN
Roseau, MN
Rothsay, MN
Rush City, MN
Staples, MN
St. Paul, MN
Sauk Rapids, MN
Bemidji, MN
Goodhue, MN
St. Michael, MN
Arlington, MN
Aberdeen, SD
Sioux Falls, MN
Las Vegas, NV
Birchdale, MN
Cottage Grove, MN
Spring Lake Park, MN
St. Francis, MN
Red Lake, MN
St. Paul, MN
Bemidji, MN
Maple Lake, MN
Bemidji, MN
Aitkin, MN
Stewartville, MN
St. Cloud, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Faribault, MN
Dodge Center, MN
Travis AFB, CA
Duluth, MN
Verndale, MN
Virginia, MN
Bemidji, MN
West Fargo, ND
Erskine, MN
Worthington, MN
Mazeppa, MN
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
Concordia University, St Paul, St Paul, MN
Hamline University, St Paul, MN
Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN
Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN
Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
Rasmussen College, Brooklyn Park, MN
Saint Mary’s University Of Minnesota, Winona, MN
Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN
St Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
St Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
Vermilion Community College, Virginia, MN
Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.
Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.
Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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