PROGRAM FOCUSES
• The growth and development of elementary education students
• The content areas of elementary education, including math, language arts, science, social studies, physical education, health education, music, the arts, and personal social skills
• Teaching methodology (pedagogy)
• The knowledge of reflective practice, including knowing yourself

The master's degree in elementary education leading to certification (Grade 1–6) requires 45 credits that include the following courses:

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (21 CREDITS)
• EDH 510 Theoretical Foundations: Children and Adults with Special Needs (3)
• EDP 540 Applied Developmental and Learning Theory (3)
• EDR 544 Foundations and Strategies of Literacy Learning (3)
• EDR 550 Fundamentals of Reading Instruction (3)
• EDR 551 Reading and Language Arts Instruction (3)
• EDF 568 Philosophical and Cultural Issues in Contemporary Education (3)
• EDT 610 Computer as an Instructional Tool (3)
• EDE 654 Models of Instruction: Elementary (3)

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES (15 CREDITS)
• EDE 660 Curriculum and Standardized Assessment (3)
• EDE 662 Planning and Assessing: Elementary (3)
• EDE 663 Elementary Methods: Social Studies/Science/Arts (3)
• EDE 664 Elementary Math Methods (3)
• EDE 667 Student Teaching and Seminar: Elementary Education (9)

STUDENT TEACHING AND SEMINAR (9 CREDITS)
Upon successful completion of coursework, student teaching, the specified national PRAXIS II exam, CT Foundations of Reading Test, and a comprehensive program examination, candidates will be recommended for Connecticut certification in elementary education.

*Additional undergraduate coursework may be necessary to meet State of Connecticut certification requirements.

The Graduate Admission Office would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office by email at GradStudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information regarding the Elementary Education program, please contact:
Theresa Abodeeb-Gentile, EdD
Program Director
860.768.5534
ecegrad@hartford.edu

Information sessions on early childhood education programs are held regularly. Learn more at hartford.edu/enhp/events
Graduate program events are held throughout the year. Open Houses are held in August and January. Learn more at hartford.edu/gradevents

 hartford.edu/elementary-education-masters
The Master of Education in Elementary Education (MEiE) is an initial certification degree program for those who wish to teach grades 1–6. You may be a recent college graduate with an undergraduate degree in psychology who is just now considering a career in teaching. You may have worked for years in the business world and are looking for a complete change in your career. In either case, our program will accommodate your needs. Most of our students are working and are completing their degrees by enrolling in one or two courses each fall, spring, and summer session. Courses are offered in late afternoon or evening and meet one time per week (twice a week during the summer sessions). Student teaching is required, which means there will be a day commitment near the end of your program of study.

CURRICULUM
This program prepares elementary school teachers (grades 1–6) as reflective practitioners who integrate understanding of their content areas, their students, and theories of pedagogy. Learning and developmental theories, knowledge of curriculum and effective teaching strategies, cultural and diverse needs of students, integration of technology, application of skills in assessment and implementation, and evaluation of effective educational programs are all addressed in the curriculum.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
The admission review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials may be uploaded in a PDF format. Official transcripts should be sent to the following address:
Graduate Admission Office
CC331
University of Hartford
200 Bloomfield Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117 USA

The following items are required:
• An online application. Visit hartford.edu/grad-apply.
• A non-refundable application fee of $50.
• Official transcripts for all collegiate level coursework, forwarded to the University of Hartford.
• A letter of intent as specified in the application form.
• Two letters of recommendation.
• In addition to the application requirements, applicants may be asked to discuss their professional aspirations with the program director. If needed, the applicant will be contacted directly by the program director. This professional consultation can be completed virtually or on campus.

Through no longer a formal requirement of the University, taking the PRAXIS CORE (formally Praxis I) academic skills assessment or the SAT (administered after 2005) is required for prospective teachers by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Please submit test results as part of a complete application.

International Applicants
• TOEFL—Official score to be submitted. The University of Hartford test code number is 3435. Visit TOEFL at ets.org. Minimum score: 550 paper-based or 79 internet-based. The Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum score is a 58. Visit the PTE at pearsonpte.com. The IELTS is also accepted with a minimum score of 6.5 or higher.
• Transcript evaluation—transcripts must be evaluated by a NACES-member evaluation service. Please visit naces.org/members.html for a list of approved evaluation partner companies. The evaluation, at minimum, should indicate each course that the student has completed, the grade and the equivalent of a four-year bachelor's degree at a U.S. regionally accredited institution. The $50 application fee will be waived to defray the cost of the evaluation.
• Guarantor’s Statement—As part of the application, international students must provide a bank statement to ensure adequacy of funds. This statement is also used to issue an I-20 form to students. The Guarantor’s Statement is necessary for obtaining a visa. The cost for international students to study and live at the University of Hartford can be found at hartford.edu/graduate/int.aspx as estimated expenses.

DEADLINES AND DATES
The priority filing date is April 15 for entry in summer or fall and November 15 for entry in spring. Applications received after the priority filing dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending upon both the quality of the application and the number of remaining openings in the class.

COSTS OF ATTENDANCE
See attached insert or visit hartford.edu/gradtuition.

FINANCIAL AID
Domestic Financial Aid
Domestic graduate students may qualify for Federal Family Education Loans and must satisfy three requirements in order to be eligible for financial aid:
• File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.gov, for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.
• Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program (not conditionally accepted).
• Be registered for at least six credits per semester. For more information call 800.947.4303. email finaid@hartford.edu, or visit admission.hartford.edu/finaid.