

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (A)

In elementary education, there are two separate grade bands for certification, Lower Elementary Education (PreK-3rd Grade) or Upper Elementary Education (Grade 3-Grade 6). An elementary teacher candidate must select one of these bands as their primary certification area.

In addition to the primary certification area, the candidate must complete at least one of the following program components:

- An additional elementary grade band (PreK-3rd or 3rd-6th)
- Lutheran Teacher Diploma (must be a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod church member)
- Special Education – Learning Disabilities endorsement

Candidates must also pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in order to be certified through the State of Michigan. The following tests are required for different certifications:

Lower Elementary (Pk - 3) Education **MTTC Test Codes: 117 - 120**

Upper Elementary (3 - 6) Education **MTTC Test Codes: 121 - 124**

Special Ed (LD) **MTTC Test Code: 063**