Elementary Education
IUPUI School of Education

ABOUT THE MAJOR

As elementary education major, you will learn the methods of teaching and learning with children from kindergarten through 6th grade. This program will teach you how to make the most of challenges and opportunities in an urban school environment. You'll get out into the field early during your studies and be able to start learning in the classroom. This major will prepare you to be an educator. At the conclusion of the program, you will be fully equipped to teach your own class of diverse students in any urban, suburban, or rural school.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: cultural competency, teaching, problem-solving, lesson-planning, and inclusivity (IUPUI School of Education, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities
According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), employment of elementary school teachers is projected to grow 6% from 2014 through 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Indianapolis, specifically the Indianapolis Public School district is experiencing a teacher shortage and IUPUI elementary education graduates are in high-demand. However, employment growth will vary by region. Opportunities will vary by region and school setting.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for IUPUI School of Education graduates was $37,599 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median salary of an elementary school teacher in Indiana was $48,710 (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

Education majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Administration, English Language/Literature, Law, Reading, Special Education, Business, School Counseling, Psychology, and Bilingual Education.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

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education.iupui.edu

Elementary Urban Educators
facebook.com/EUEIUPUI

American Federation of Teachers
www.aft.org

Sample Coursework:
- Field experience
- Diversity & learning: teaching children
- Methods of teaching reading
- Teaching students with special needs
- Social studies in elementary education
- Student teaching

Possible Careers:
- Career counselor*
- Library consultant
- Nonprofit program coordinator
- School counselor*
- Social worker*

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?
- Community and social services
- Community Health Network
- Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS)
- Media and communications
- Nonprofits

Complementing Interests:
S Social
E Enterprising
A Artistic

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