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**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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ELEMENTARY (1-6) & EARLY CHILDHOOD (BIRTH - 3RD GRADE)

IMPACTFUL

Research shows quality ECE changes outcomes for students, families and society.

CREATIVE

Every day is different and teachers have much more creative freedom in the early grades.

RESPONSIVE

Our program aligns with national standards that promote social justice and anti-bias education movements.

OPPORTUNISTIC

ECE is a growing field that opens the door for many types of jobs involving kids, families, and community advocacy. Teachers can work in the public or private education sector, become in-home family educators, or early interventionists, daycare owners/ administrators, and much more!

HOLISTIC

The ECE pathway prepares you to be a more effective educator and family advocate, no matter the chosen grade level or type of profession.

FOUNDATIONAL

ECE sets the very foundation upon which all other learning occurs.



ELEMENTARY (1-6) & SPECIAL EDUCATION (K-12)

JOBS

There are no waiting lists for Special Education teaching positions. Special Education teachers are in high demand.

ALL AGES

You can work with students from birth to age 21. Choose the age group you like the most.

LOTS OF VARIETY

You can be on the move! Special Education teachers move in and out of classrooms throughout the day and work all across the school in many districts.

CREATIVE THINKING

Working with students with disabilities will challenge you to think outside the box.

SCHOOLS & BEYOND

Special Education teachers can work not only in public schools, but also other specialized settings.

WE FIGHT.

Special Education teachers are strong advocates for our students. We don't rest until we've made a positive difference for our students.

SWITCH UP YOUR CAREER.

You can move back and forth between general education and Special Education teaching positions.

RAISE THE BAR

We are about challenging students and bringing out the best in everyone.

WE LOVE TECH.

Do you like to use apps and cool tech toys? We use tech every day to level the playing field for students.

REWARDING

At the end of the day, it will be the toughest job you ever loved!



ELEMENTARY (1-6) & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (K-12)

Working with English language learners is one of the most rewarding experiences in education. You have the opportunity to make a difference one heart at a time!

BE THE ADVOCATE.

Teachers trained to work with English language learners are strong advocates for a marginalized community and can make a powerful difference in the lives of immigrant students and families.

BE THE BRIDGE.

Teachers trained to work with English language learners are the bridge connecting families, communities, languages, and cultures celebrating the additive nature of diversity.

BE THE FACILITATOR.

Teachers trained to work with English language learners become key facilitators for intervention, differentiation, and best practices in their grade levels, buildings, and districts.

BE THE ENCOURAGER.

Teachers trained to work with English language learners have the opportunity to encourage and support learners at all levels of language development.

BE EMPLOYED.

The demand for teachers with an ELL background is already high and increasing every day. Bilingual teachers are a bonus; however, knowing a second language is not required. Use your ability to speak and teach English to help others!

The Elementary Education programs are a great opportunity for education majors to double up or specialize in one of the three pathways. There is definitely a need and a shortage of teachers in each of the pathways. With MSSU offering the pathways, their education graduates are more marketable and easily hired.

- Kelly Jacobs,
Carthage 6th Grade Center Principal