Affordable and flexible options for earning a Bachelor’s degree and/or a teaching certificate without putting your life on hold.
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Peru State’s School of Education
Alternative Format Programs
B-3 Early Childhood Education Inclusive
K-8 Elementary Education
K-12 Special Education

Would you like to complete a teacher education endorsement program in Early Childhood Education Inclusive, Elementary Education, or Special Education? If so, Peru State can assist you in meeting your goal. The program requirements for these endorsement areas are offered through a combination of online and hybrid courses that integrate online instruction with up to four physical class meetings held in the evening on campus in Peru.

If you have all of your general education requirements completed, you can finish your Bachelor’s degree and/or certification requirements within two and a half years while still working full time!

If you are interested in one of these programs, visit www.peru.edu/transfer to learn more about the transfer process and how to apply to Peru State.

Additional information on completing a teacher education program can be found at www.peru.edu/education. For specific information on these endorsement program opportunities, contact the School of Education at 1-800-742-4412 ext. 2244 or education@peru.edu.
Earn while you learn
Degree to Certification Program at Peru State

How does it work?
1. Apply for admission, scholarships and financial aid.
2. Transfer credit to Peru State from an Associate’s Degree or previous institution with our generous transfer policy.
3. Learn, explore and complete courses in the Educational Studies program while focusing on coursework that will allow you to meet your ultimate goal of earning a certification endorsement in K-12 Special Education, Elementary Education or Birth-3 Early Childhood Education Inclusive.
4. Graduate! Get that diploma!
5. Return to Peru State to complete any remaining requirements for your chosen certification program as well as student teaching. These final requirements can be completed while teaching in a Nebraska school district under a Provisional Commitment Certificate recommended by Peru State.
6. Once you have met all the requirements for certification, you will receive your Initial Teaching Certificate, allowing you to teach anywhere in the state.

How can I complete student teaching while “on the job?”
• An individual who holds a bachelor’s degree in any area, has completed at least 75% of the coursework for the endorsement major, and has completed 50 percent of the professional education coursework is eligible for a Provisional Commitment Certificate, which allows one to teach full-time while completing the remainder of the certification program requirements.
• The individual must successfully apply for a teaching position and be hired by a school district. That school district then notifies Peru State that it is hiring the individual and requests the college to recommend the Provisional Commitment Certificate, which will allow the individual to be certified to teach in that district.
• The student teaching requirements for the endorsement program can then be completed within that teaching assignment during the first year of employment with the principal or department chair serving as the cooperating teacher.
• Once all requirements for certification have been met, Peru State will recommend an Initial Teaching Certificate to replace the Provisional Commitment Certificate, which allows the individual to teach anywhere in the State of Nebraska.

What are my options for financial aid?
• Financial aid is available for any individual completing his/her first Bachelor’s degree to complete the requirements for the Educational Studies degree.

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