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PROGRAM FEATURES
Elementary Education, B.S.
The Elementary Education B.S. is for undergraduate students who wish to become elementary educators. The program prepares them to receive their State of Connecticut teaching certification to teach in grades one through six. There are opportunities throughout the program for students to get real-world experience through field placement observations. The culminating experience is a semester-long student teaching placement in an elementary school. Students also double major in Liberal Studies, which is comprised of two “report-card subjects” such as English and Mathematics.

Elementary Education, B.S. – Concentration: Bilingual
This program is intended for undergraduate students who are seeking initial certification in elementary education and an additional endorsement in bilingual education. There are opportunities throughout the program for students to get real-world experience through field placement observations. The culminating experience is a semester-long student teaching placement in a bilingual classroom. Students also double major in Liberal Studies, which is comprised of a concentration in English and a concentration in Spanish.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of kindergarten and elementary school teachers is projected to grow four percent. Rising student enrollment should increase demand for kindergarten and elementary teachers. The number of students enrolling in public kindergarten and elementary schools is expected to increase over the coming decade, and the number of classes needed to accommodate these students should rise. As a result, more teachers will be needed to teach public kindergarten and elementary school students.

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