

Section 9—Methods for Instruction
Language Arts (BX) Elementary Major and Minor

All Language Arts majors and minors seeking an **elementary** certification must successfully complete the following Education courses specific to the field of Language Arts:

EDU 448 Methods and Materials of Teaching Reading and the Language Arts
(3 semester hours.)

EDU 459 Instructional Technology, EDU 600 Computer Uses in Education, EDU 443 Teaching Reading in the Elementary and Middle Schools, SED 460 Education and Mainstreaming of Exceptional Persons, and SED 560 Exceptional persons are required courses for all Education students. In these courses candidates are encouraged to develop projects, units, lesson plans, as well as written and oral presentations, using subject specific content. For example, in EDU 459/600, a Language Arts elementary minor would develop a specific teaching unit in the technology courses that demonstrates her/his content knowledge and how technology would enhance the children's learning. He/She also works with an interdisciplinary team to design a PK-8 authentic, technology-enriched learning activity that connects content area standards with student technology standards and meets the diverse needs of students. Candidates in 443 would develop a specific reading lesson for any of the Language Arts disciplines thus demonstrating her/his ability to teach reading using any subject area. The same would be true for preparing an adaptive lesson for a special needs student in SED 460 and 560.

As explained in the Section 7 matrix, this practice of subject content being infused into Education courses is common to every course to some degree. Education faculty members expect their students to know and be able to demonstrate how to teach the content to K-12 students. *Course Descriptions and Syllabi for the above courses are included on the web site*

Both Elementary and Secondary Education candidates must complete the appropriate Student Teaching course (EDU 489 Student Teaching in the Elementary and Middle Schools—8 semester hours in a K-8 school or EDU 490 Student Teaching in the Secondary Schools—8 semester hours in a 6-12 school).