

Elementary Education (DLiTE)

Bemidji State University

DLiTE, Distributed Learning in Teacher Education, is an online elementary education (K-6) teacher licensure program with an option for middle level (5-8) endorsement. It is a cohort-based, 6 semester course of study that culminates in a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education that meets all the Minnesota Board of Teaching requirements.

A new cohort, approximately 35 students, begins every fall and spring. Nearly all the courses in the program are offered in hybrid format, which means that a portion of each class is conducted in a face-to-face setting (Anoka-Ramsey Community College three times per year) while the remainder is completed online using a Web-based instructional management system-Desire to Learn (D2L). It is a three year program regardless of having an AA or BS, BA degree.

One of the greatest aspects of the DLiTE program is the use of a Teacher Mentor Support System for students. Each student is required to choose a K-8 Teacher Mentor currently teaching in a public school with at least three years experience to support them throughout and give them an opportunity to work in real classroom settings.

Admission to the DLiTE program is as follows:

- Fulfill Prerequisites - completed AA degree, MnTC, BS, BA or more
- Meet or exceed minimum 2.5 GPA
- Submit official transcripts from all schools attended
- [MTLE](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/) (Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations) Basic Skills Test must be taken prior to starting the program (<http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/>)
- Submit Application Materials
- Submit signed Teacher Mentor Application

If English is not your native language, you must submit an official copy of your TOEFL scores.

Students completing the AA/MNTC at Century are encouraged to select the following courses to prepare for their courses of study through DLiTE:

- Art 1020 (pre-requisite to VSAR 3600)
- Musc 1030, or music reading experience (Pre-requisite to Music 3405)
- Hlth 1060, equivalent to Hlth 3400, Health and Drugs in Society

Bemidji State University's Professional Education Elementary Licensure program requires two math courses and two health courses -which could be taken either **before or during** student enrollment in the DLiTE program. Please consult with a Century College counselor for a list of options offered at nearby campuses.

Program of Study

A complete list of the Program of Study for the DLiTE program listed by semester is available at: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/dlite/program_of_study/

The DLiTE license option is a K-6 license. There is also an option for an endorsement in the middle level (5-8) math, communication arts or social studies. The middle level endorsement will require more courses than were required by the previous (5-8) specialty areas-increasing competence in the areas of literacy and technology. Most of these classes can be taken either before or during the program and many are available during the summer. These courses are offered in a variety of formats including online, hybrid-online, face-to-face and guided self-directed. The three endorsements currently approved by the State Board of Teaching:

- Communication Art and Literature (no equivalent courses offered at Century)
- Social Studies, required courses:
 - Economic Markets and Resources, Econ 1023
 - Introduction to Physical Geography, Geog 1021
 - Introduction to Human Geography-no equivalent at Century
 - US History II, Hist 1032
 - MN History, Hist 1035
 - Introduction to American Politics, Pols 1031
- Math – endorsement courses are run in a F2F format on weekends or in June and have rotated between a Twin Cities location and on campus in BSU every other year.

Each endorsement area requires students to take three courses in addition to their subject matter content above. Information on these three courses can be found on the program of study website listed above.

BSU's DLiTE program offers a three week preparatory course for those students not familiar with online learning.

Further information about the DLiTE program available at: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/dlite/>

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