First-Year Students
- Freshmen interested in elementary education should consider any of the following courses:
  EDUC 102, CAS 214, GEOG 241, IDIS 205, KIN 223, or SCES 121.
- EDUC 210 and KIN 223 have an EDUC 102 prerequisite (or concurrent enrollment in EDUC 102).
- Completion of EDUC 102 is recommended prior to enrollment in CAS 214.
- MATH 221 is open to first-year students who have completed EDUC 102.

Core Courses
- All education students take EDUC 202 for the Persons in Community core course and IDIS 205 for Societal Structures in North America. They should not take PSYC 151 or SOC 151 (unless required for a specific major or minor program – and EDUC 202 and IDIS 205 are still required in addition).
- EDUC 202 students need a schedule with 1.5 - 2 hour blocks, two days each week during school hours (8:30am-3pm) for the required practicum.
- All education students meet the CCE requirement by completing the sequence of IDIS 205, EDUC 322 or 307, and EDUC 398.

Reading, Mathematics, and Writing Competency
- Beginning fall 2015, candidates must have met all requirements for Professional Program admission (including the reading, mathematics, and writing competencies) prior to beginning EDUC 302-303: http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/requirements.html
- The following methods may be used to demonstrate competency in each area:

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Any combination of PRE, ACT, and MME scores will be allowed to meet the three competencies. Candidates who are close to passing one or more tests may be eligible to appeal: http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/appeal.html

ACT Plus Writing is the recommended test and is offered on June 13 (however – candidates who are running out of time should attempt both the ACT and PRE).

- How to access test results:
  o Your printed list of advisees will have three columns for the reading, mathematics and writing tests. (P = passed, F = failed, blank means no attempt OR the ACT score has not yet been confirmed by the Education Department)
  o ACT Reading, Math, and Writing scores are posted on the AER (disregard ACT English and Science).
  o ACT scores may also be viewed in the Portal under “My advisees” – “test summary.”

- Candidates who have completed EDUC 302-303 or are enrolled in 302-303 this spring but have not met all three competencies must meet with their advisors now and write a plan to prepare for the ACT and/or PRE. These candidates must meet all three competencies at least one month prior to the start date of their teacher internship.

Guidebook
- The updated Education Program Guidebook is available online at: http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/guidebook/
- Pay special attention to the Program Checklist as well as the elementary, secondary, and special education core requirements.
Interim 2016 Recommendations for ALL candidates

- IDIS W81 Urban Education: Poverty & Schooling with Phil Stegink
- EDUC W10 Zambia: Education within the Culture with Marj Terpstra and Nalova Westbrook (MAY 2016)
  Descriptions at [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/services/registration/interim/2016/offcampusdesc.html](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/services/registration/interim/2016/offcampusdesc.html)
- Neuroscience & Education with Clarence Joldersma
- Teaching & Learning with Technology with Marj Terpstra
- Bullying Prevention with Debra Freeberg
- International Development and Literacy Teaching with Jo Kuyvenhoven

Interim 2016 Recommendations for Elementary candidates

- PER 150 Educational Dance (1 semester hour)
- KIN 223 Movement and Health Education in the Elementary Classroom
- Materials for K-8 Mathematics (for elementary mathematics majors and minors)
- MATH 323 will not be offered interim 2016.
- SCES 312 is not offered interim 2016. It is scheduled for interim 2017, but will only be open to integrated science majors and minors.

Planning

- Sample plans are available at [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/forms/](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/forms/).
- You are also encouraged to try Slate Permutate and recommend it as a planning tool for your advisees: [http://slatepermutate.org/input.php?school=calvin](http://slatepermutate.org/input.php?school=calvin). Contact Bob Keeley or Marj Terpstra if you have questions about this tool.

Secondary Double Major Guidelines

- TEC has approved the following guidelines for secondary candidates who choose to complete two majors: [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/secondary/double.majors.html](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/secondary/double.majors.html)

Honors Program

- Students have the option to graduate with Honors in Education. Details at: [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/honors/](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/honors/).

Online Courses

- Information about Calvin's online courses is available at [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/online/](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/online/).

Program Diversity

- Please take a extra time in your meetings with your AHANA and international advisees and to be receptive to the particular academic and social needs they may have for being successful in the Education Program.

High-Need Fields

- The State and Federal Governments ask us to encourage students to consider high-need teaching fields during advising. The following areas are considered to be high-need: Bilingual Spanish, Chinese, Computer Science, Early Childhood, ESL, Health, Mathematics, Music, Sciences, Spanish, and Special Education.

Resources for Advisors

- Additional information for Education Advisors is available at [http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/advisors/](http://www.calvin.edu/academic/education/info/advisors/).

Thank you for all of your work with education students. If you have any questions while advising, please contact us. Ron Sjoerdsma, Education Department Chair, sjoero@calvin.edu, x66213
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