

Elementary Education (K-5)

DIVISION OF
EDUCATION

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

B.A. in Elementary Education (K-5)



EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Alcoa City Schools
- Blount County Schools
- Clayton-Bradley STEM Academy
- Knox County Schools
- Loudon County Schools
- Maryville City Schools

EDUCATOR PREP PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

In 2022, the ranking guidebook **Colleges of Distinction** recognized Maryville College's education program for its excellence and the broad and effective range of majors and certifications available to future educators.



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Why study Elementary Education at Maryville College?

Maryville College has a long and proud tradition of preparing educators who demonstrate and promote excellence in teaching and learning. The Elementary Education degree produces skilled, innovative and effective teachers for kindergarten through 5th grade.

As an Elementary Education candidate, you will experience a program that blends the liberal arts with professional education coursework. A balance of education theory and practice will give you the tools to be successful in diverse and inclusive classrooms. You will become part of a small cohort that engages in extensive field-based experiences, while building a solid foundation in educational theory and practice. Our collaborative relationships with local K-12 partners mean you will have many opportunities to work with, and learn from, local teachers and school administrators.

Our Educator Preparation Program professors share their understanding of the learning and teaching process, promote professional growth and “teach” excellence in teaching. They support you in both your academic work and your future career in education.

MEET A CURRENT SCOT

Kris Seiber

Hometown: Maryville, Tenn.



Kris comes from a family of teachers and MC alumni. He's a Bonner Scholar who has taken part in community service work that has included more than 1,200 hours of tutoring and mentoring children ages 5 to 14. He's also a Newman Civic Fellow and president of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

“I have spent time learning and observing in many schools within Blount County,” he said. “All of my leadership roles, in conjunction with the rigor and abundant support of the

education program, have set me on a course of success in the future.”

After graduation, Kris plans to pursue a doctorate in Education, a goal he credits to the support of MC faculty, staff and mentors.

MEET A RECENT GRAD

Amber Click Kitts '19

Currently: 1st and 2nd grade teacher at Clayton-Bradley STEM Academy in Alcoa, Tenn.



Amber is in her fourth year of teaching. At Clayton-Bradley, she starts with a student group in first grade and “loops with them” to second grade.

“Once I send them to third grade, I get to start over with a new group of first graders,” she explained.

Student teaching placements and observations in both private and public schools prepared her well by offering real-life experiences and also confirmed her career choice. Amber said she loves being in the classroom with her students.

“I would recommend Maryville College because the focus is really on getting you valuable time in the classroom so you are learning from experiences,” she said.

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