

# 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 2025, 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?

At Maryville College, we take pride in a rich legacy of preparing exceptional educators who inspire excellence in teaching and learning. Our Elementary Education program is thoughtfully designed to develop skilled, innovative, and compassionate teachers for kindergarten through 5th grade.

As an Elementary Education candidate, you will experience a program that blends the liberal arts with rigorous professional education coursework. This combination helps you develop the ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and teach confidently in today's classrooms. You will become part of a close-knit group of peers that engage in extensive field-based experiences. 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 have expertise in teaching and learning. They will foster your professional growth and prepare you to lead, inspire, and make a lasting impact in the lives of young learners.

## MEET A CURRENT SCOT

### Laura Diamond

Hometown: Formerly Port Orchard, Washington; now Maryville, TN



A stay-at-home mom for 30 years, Laura always wanted to be a teacher but didn't believe she had the ability or the time. A few years ago, when helping her parents move to Tennessee from Oregon, Laura learned of Maryville College and its excellent reputation. After attending a Meet Maryville event and talking with professors, she decided she would move too and enroll in the Elementary Education program.

"I love that I get to have the college experience in my 50's," she said. She appreciates the time spent with classmates and

their support. Additionally, she has found that professors "are incredibly supportive and want us to succeed." She looks forward to student teaching next year and plans to work in a local school after earning her degree.

## MEET A RECENT GRAD

### Ava Whitmire '24

Currently: Teaching 4th Grade in Loveland, Colorado; completing M.S. in Education at Montana State



Ava came to MC knowing that she wanted to be a teacher but was undecided between elementary and secondary education. Through College-planned visits to schools, substitute teaching and other related experiences, she was able to decide what grade levels she loved. Ava intends to teach various grade levels while she completes her master's in science education at Montana State University.

She wants prospective students to know that "the professors and staff at MC are so personable," adding that due to the smaller size of the College, students can build strong relationships with their professors and peers. "You will have a small cohort of people to create lessons and collaborate with; be ready to make some lasting friendships!" she said.

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