

STEM Education for Early Childhood (STEM)

Courses

STEM 5023. Creativity and Innovation in STEM. 3 Hours.

This introductory course in technology and engineering education (TEED) focuses on the development and introduction of TEED activities to support science and mathematics instruction in the elementary classroom. Through hands-on, problem-based learning challenges, students will develop and understanding of the engineering design process and the integration of STEM often used to solve real-world problems. Prerequisite: STEM 4033.

STEM 5033. Introduction to STEM Education. 3 Hours.

(Formerly STEM 4033.) This course provides an introduction to the foundations of STEM education disciplines and the strategies used to deliver integrative STEM education in the elementary and secondary school setting. The nature of STEM education disciplines, STEM pedagogy, teaching strategies, integrative STEM learning, STEM careers, and problem-centered instruction are addressed. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both STEM 4033 and STEM 5033.

STEM 5104. Astronomy for Educators. 4 Hours.

(Formerly STEM 4104.) Astronomy for Educators splits evenly between the basics of astronomy and practical methods for teaching astronomy effectively to all grade levels. The class is appropriate and effective for elementary, middle school, and secondary educators. Pedagogy focuses on the use of low-cost models that help all students grasp astronomy fundamentals such as phases of the Moon and how our solar system works. Lab activities include building and working with scientific models, evening lab activities give students the opportunity to use telescopes and binoculars to observe the Moon, planets, constellations and more. No prior experience or astronomy knowledge is assumed for this course. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both STEM 4104 and STEM 5104.

STEM 5203. Problem-Based Mathematics. 3 Hours.

This graduate level course focuses on sharing, modeling and practicing strategies to support the meaningful integration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with the emphasis on mathematics in the K-4 classroom. A strong foundation for integrating the STEM disciplines through a problems-based approach within the elementary curriculum will be developed by providing students with theoretical frameworks, research, resources, and methods related to appropriate and effective classroom practice. Prerequisite: CIED 3123.

STEM 5213. Teaching Problem-Based Science in the Elementary Grades. 3 Hours.

This graduate level course focuses on sharing, modeling and practicing strategies to support the meaningful integration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with the emphasis on science in the K-4 classroom. A strong foundation for integrating the STEM disciplines through a problems-based approach within the elementary curriculum will be developed by providing students with theoretical frameworks, research, resources, and methods related to appropriate and effective classroom practice. Prerequisite: CIED 3143 and admission to the M.A.T. program or enrollment in the M. Ed. program.