



CAREER PATH  
**Human Services**

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**Teaching and Training**



## ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Teach pupils in public or private schools at the elementary level basic academic, social, and other formative skills.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an elementary teacher are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

*(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)*

### Education Requirements

| Occupation  | Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is: |              |                         |
|---|---|--------------|-------------------------|
|   | High School or Less   | Some College | Bachelor Degree or More |
| Elementary school teachers, except special education      | 0.3%  | 5.2%         | 94.5%                   |
| Primary, secondary, and special education school teachers | 5.6%  | 12.2%        | 82.2%                   |
| Education, training, and library                          | 9.3%  | 16.5%        | 74.2%                   |

Most Common Educational Level: Bachelor's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

| Location      | Pay Period | 2007     |          |               |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|---------------|
|               |            | Entry*   | Median   | Experienced** |
| United States | Hourly     | —        | —        | —             |
|               | Yearly     | \$38,100 | \$47,300 | \$60,100      |
| Missouri      | Hourly     | —        | —        | —             |
|               | Yearly     | \$33,000 | \$39,400 | \$49,600      |

Based on (\*) lower 25% and (\*\*) upper 25% percentile of wages

### National and State Employment Trends

| Elementary Teacher | Employment |           | Percent Change | Job Openings* |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
|                    | 2006       | 2016      |                |               |
| United States      | 1,540,200  | 1,749,300 | + 14 %         | 54,540        |
| Missouri           | 28,540     | 33,240    | + 17 %         | 1,100         |

\*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

### Educational Opportunities

*Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit [www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

#### Avila University

Kansas City, MO  
 (816) 942-8400  
[www.avila.edu](http://www.avila.edu)

#### Baptist Bible College and Graduate School

Springfield, MO  
 (417) 268-6060  
[www.baptist.edu](http://www.baptist.edu)

#### Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary

Kansas City, MO  
 (816) 322-0110  
[www.calvary.edu](http://www.calvary.edu)

#### Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO  
 (660) 248-3391  
[www.centralmethodist.edu](http://www.centralmethodist.edu)

#### Central Methodist University - College of Graduate & Extended Studies

Fayette, MO  
 (660) 248-6272  
[www.centralmethodist.edu](http://www.centralmethodist.edu)

#### College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO  
 (417) 334-6411  
[www.cofo.edu](http://www.cofo.edu)

#### Columbia College

Columbia, MO  
 (573) 875-8700  
[www.ccis.edu](http://www.ccis.edu)

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**Crowder College**  
Neosho, MO  
(417) 451-3223  
www.crowder.edu

**Culver-Stockton College**  
Canton, MO  
(573) 288-6000  
www.culver.edu

**Drury University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 873-7879  
www.drury.edu

**Evangel University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 865-2811  
www.evangel.edu

**Fontbonne University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 862-3456  
www.fontbonne.edu

**Hannibal-Lagrange College**  
Hannibal, MO  
(573) 221-3675  
www.hlq.edu

**Harris-Stowe State University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 340-3366  
www.hssu.edu

**Lincoln University**  
Jefferson City, MO  
(573) 681-5000  
www.lincolnu.edu

**Lindenwood University**  
Saint Charles, MO  
(636) 949-2000  
www.lindenwood.edu

**Maryville University of Saint Louis**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(800) 627-9855  
www.maryville.edu

**Missouri Baptist University**  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 414-1115  
www.mobap.edu

**Missouri Southern State University**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 625-9300  
www.mssu.edu

**Missouri State University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 836-5000  
www.missouristate.edu

**Missouri Valley College**  
Marshall, MO  
(660) 831-4000  
www.moval.edu

**Missouri Western State University**  
Saint Joseph, MO  
(816) 271-4200  
www.missouriwestern.edu

**Northwest Missouri State University**  
Maryville, MO  
(660) 562-1212  
www.nwmissouri.edu

**Park University**  
Parkville, MO  
(816) 741-2000  
www.park.edu

**Rockhurst University**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 501-4000  
www.rockhurst.edu

**Saint Louis University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 977-2222  
www.imagine.slu.edu

**Southeast Missouri State University**  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
(573) 651-2000  
www.semo.edu

**Southwest Baptist University**  
Bolivar, MO  
(800) 526-5859  
www.sbuniv.edu

**Stephens College**  
Columbia, MO  
(573) 442-2211  
www.stephens.edu

**Truman State University**  
Kirksville, MO  
(660) 785-4000  
www.truman.edu

**University of Central Missouri**  
Warrensburg, MO  
(660) 543-4111  
www.ucmo.edu

**University of Missouri - Columbia**  
Columbia, MO  
(573) 882-2121  
www.missouri.edu

**University of Missouri - Kansas City**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 235-1000  
www.umkc.edu

**University of Missouri - St. Louis**  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 516-5000  
www.umsl.edu

**Washington University**  
St. Louis, MO  
(314) 935-5000  
www.wustl.edu

**Westminster College**  
Fulton, MO  
(573) 642-3361  
www.westminster-mo.edu

**William Jewell College**  
Liberty, Mo  
(816) 781-7700  
www.jewell.edu

**William Woods University**  
Fulton, MO  
(573) 642-2251  
www.williamwoods.edu

