

APPLICATION

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education

School of Diné Studies and Education

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Completed EDU 200, 238, 240, and 297; MTH 280 and 281, POS 181 AZ only and POS 271 or AA-Elementary Education or AA-Early Childhood Education or Equivalent Program Related; completed other general education credit requirements.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher (if student is below a 2.75 GPA they can appeal to the Education Faculty Review Committee.)
- Application essay
- Current Navajo Nation background check from age 18
- Current Arizona Department of Public Safety Fingerprint Clearance Card or New Mexico Department of Education Federal Background Check (*upon acceptance into Field Placement*)
- Unofficial transcripts of all college coursework
- Letter explaining why any conditions for admission were not met (*if applicable*)-to be reviewed by Education Faculty Review Committee

APPLICATION STEPS

STEP 1

Submit initial application:

- Completed application
- Essay
- Unofficial transcripts (or copies) of all college coursework
- Current Navajo Nation background check from age 18
- Current Arizona Department of Public Safety Fingerprint Clearance Card or New Mexico Department of Education Federal Background Check (*upon acceptance into Field Placement*)

STEP 2

Upon acceptance into the program:

- Submit program acceptance letter and required materials to Registration and SDSE Advisor (Natalie Denezpi, 928.724.6861 or ndenezpi@dinecollege.edu) for admission to the BAEE program
- Submit completed applications for Financial Aid (FAFSA, tribal, etc). For assistance, contact Financial Aid at 928.724.6738
- Submit a completed application for housing (*if planning to live on-campus*). For assistance in completing this item, contact Residence Life at 928.724.6782

For more information or to check on the status of your BAEE program application, contact School of Diné Studies and Education / Diné College NHC 6th Floor, Tsaille, AZ 86556 Phone: 928.724.6658 or alang@dinecollege.edu

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Name (last, first, middle)		Date of birth	
Former last name(s)		Tribal affiliation	ID # (if DC student)
	Current	Permanent	
PO box or street			
City, state, zip			
Home phone			
Cell phone			
Email			
Is this your first application to our program?		/ / Yes	/ / No
Are you reapplying?		/ / Yes	/ / No
If yes, when did you previously apply?			
Do you speak Navajo?		/ / Fluently	/ / Some / / None
Do you read Navajo?		/ / Fluently	/ / Some / / None
Do you write Navajo?		/ / Fluently	/ / Some / / None
If employed with a school (position, organization, address)		Supervisor	Supervisor's phone #
Do you have experience working in schools?		/ / Yes	/ / No
If yes, at what school(s) and for how long?			
Emergency contact	Name	Address & phone #	Relationship

Unofficial transcripts **MUST** be included in this application. *Official transcripts from each institution must be submitted to Diné College Admissions upon acceptance into the program.*

I understand that:

- Only completed applications will be reviewed
- False statements on this application may lead to disqualification from consideration for admission to the program

Signature

Date

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Please choose **one** of the following essay topics to answer on a separate sheet of paper. There are no minimum requirements regarding essay length. However, please be sure to answer thoroughly the topic you have chosen. Be sure to include specific references to Sa'ah Naaghái Bik'eh Hózhóón.

As a future educator, your application essay should reflect your authentic experiences, motivations, values, and commitment to students and communities. Whether writing about your motivation for becoming a teacher or your commitment to incorporating Diné language and culture in the classroom, use your own voice and experiences. Reflect honestly on who you are, what has influenced your decision to teach, what you have learned, and how you hope to serve your students and community. Your response should demonstrate integrity, self-reflection, cultural respect, and a genuine commitment to lifelong learning as an educator.

- Why do you want to be a teacher? What challenges do you face in pursuing this goal? What are your plans for surmounting those challenges? Discuss your commitment to pursuing this goal.
- Reflect on the exposure you've had to Navajo language and culture. Discuss how this level of exposure has influenced some of the experiences you've had in life. To what extent will you incorporate language and culture into your classroom? Discuss your commitment to pursuing this goal.

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