Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education

Make a difference in a child’s early learning.

The first eight years of a child’s life can determine his or her future success in school. As preschool, kindergarten and elementary enrollments increase over the next decade, the need for new teachers will only grow. With our Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education degree program, you’ll gain the skills needed to help shape children’s academic, social and cognitive skills.

This program prepares you for teacher licensure in the field of early childhood education. It is intended for those who want to work with children from birth through grade 3 or age 8. Credits can be waived for students who already hold the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The College of Education has also established articulated transfer pathways from community colleges to maximize the credits you’ve already taken.

Our degree programs offer the outstanding support of our dedicated staff who will guide you with state certification tests, financial aid, program completion and field placement.

The Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood is an undergraduate degree program intended to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The program is designed for students who want to work with children from pre-K through grade 3 or age 8 as a licensed early childhood educator. The program includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and student teaching above and beyond program coursework. As licensure requirements may vary by state, it is the student’s responsibility to ascertain and meet licensure requirements in any state in which the student desires to practice and to contact the applicable state educator licensure agency to verify current requirements to become a licensed teacher. There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a teacher with any local, state or federal entity.

Study a solid core curriculum:
- Child development and learning
- Assessment strategies to support young children and families
- Building family and community relations
- Cultural diversity
- Professionalism and ethics of educators
- Common Core State Standards

Curriculum aligned with:
- National Association for the Education of Young Children® (NAEYC®) standards
- Interstate Teaching Assessment and Support Consortium’s (InTASC) model core teaching standards
- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE®) Teacher Standards
In addition to core coursework, required courses are:

**GEN 127**  
University Studies for Success

OR

**GEN 200**  
Foundations for General Education and Professional Success

**ECH 300**  
Orientation to Early Childhood Education

**ECH 301**  
Foundations of Early Childhood Education

**ECH 205**  
Early Childhood Growth and Development

**ECH 211**  
Instructional Strategies for Early Childhood Education

**EDU 215**  
Ethics and Social Responsibility in Education

**ECH 390**  
Early Childhood Student Teaching Seminar

**ECH 321**  
Developmentally-Effective Learning Environments

**ECH 400**  
Assessment and Evaluation in Early Childhood

**ECH 302**  
Exceptionalities of the Young Child

**ECH 418**  
Community and Family Engagement

**SEI 300**  
Structured English Immersion

**RDG 351**  
Early Childhood Literacy Development

**RDG 416**  
Methods of Teaching in Early Childhood: Language and Literacy

**ECH 416**  
Methods of Teaching in Early Childhood: Mathematics

**ECH 420**  
Methods of Teaching in Early Childhood: Science

**ECH 430**  
Methods of Teaching in Early Childhood: Social Studies

**ECH 435**  
Methods of Teaching in Early Childhood: Arts & Music

**SEI 301**  
Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods

**ECH 498**  
Early Childhood Student Teaching (Birth–Preschool)

**ECH 499**  
Early Childhood Student Teaching (K Through Age 8/Grade 3)

The Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education requires a minimum of 120 credits, which may come from a combination of required and elective courses.