



Master of Arts in Education

*Early Childhood &
Elementary
Education*

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College of Education and
Human Development

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Department of Interdisciplinary Learning & Teaching

The graduate program in Early Childhood Education is aligned with the department's vision of fostering intellectual and professional growth and integrity. The Early Childhood & Elementary Education concentration is designed to prepare professionals for effective instruction and advocacy in the care and education of young children. Emphasis in this program is on reflective practice and the study of current research perspectives.



*Changing lives one child at
a time.*

If you are a classroom teacher, a child care professional, or work with young children in some other capacity, and are ready to broaden and deepen your professional knowledge and skills, then the M.A. ED Early Childhood/Elementary concentration program is for you!

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Program Description

The ECE concentration offers students stimulating and interesting coursework that will broaden their opportunities to achieve success in their careers as Early Childhood teachers and professionals. The program is flexible within five focus areas or students may design an individualized program with the approval of their advisor. All students pursuing a Master's degree in the College of Education and Human Development are required to take the following four core courses:

EDU 5003 Research Methods in Education
EDU 5103 Contemporary Educational Philosophy
EDP 5003 Psychological Learning and Theories
C&I 5003 Theory and Dynamics of Curriculum and Instruction



We're making a difference.....one child at a time.

In addition to stimulating and enriching course work, students who enter this program will also benefit from the following:

- *A supportive, knowledgeable, dynamic faculty
- *Personal mentoring throughout the program
- *The opportunity to meet and network with other professionals with similar goals and interests
- *Workshops, symposiums, guest speakers, field trips, conferences, and other professional activities

Focus Area Descriptions

Early Literacies

This focus is on designing effective instructional strategies to develop literacies in areas such as reading, writing, social studies, math, sciences, fine arts, etc. Students will have opportunities to develop their expertise in individual and/or multiple early literacies.

Family Studies

This option offers graduate students an opportunity to develop research and practical skills for working with families in urban settings.

Early Childhood Leadership & Advocacy

This focus is especially designed to meet the needs of caregivers and educators whose career goal is to assume a leadership and advocacy role in the education and care of young children. Emphasis is on the leader's roles as a change agent and as a professional.

Inclusive Education

Typical classrooms and early care settings today are increasingly diverse and often include children with special needs. Discover how to promote the learning of all children in diverse classrooms. Acquire a variety of teaching strategies to differentiate instruction and provide an effective social learning environment for all children.

Child Development

This interdisciplinary specialization examines the interaction of biological, psychological, and socio-cultural influences on human development from infancy through adolescence. Students in this focus area develop expertise in applied research on the impact of context, culture, and institutions on child rearing and development, particularly as it relates to cross-cultural and cross-linguistics contexts.

Core Courses for Early Childhood and Elementary Education

ECE 5133 Language and Discourse Development in Preschool-Primary Children
ECE 5503 Theoretical Foundations in ECE
ECE 6453 Assessment & Evaluation in ECE
ECE 6473 Seminar for ECE *or*
ECE 6653 Action Research in Childhood Settings

Courses for ECE Early Literacy

ECE 5133 Language & Discourse Development in Preschool-Primary Children
C&I 5723 Integrating Reading & Language Arts
C&I 5753 Literature for Children
C&I 5823 Reading & Writing Development in Early Childhood

Courses for ECE Leadership & Advocacy

C&I 6003 Supervision: Theoretical Basis
ECE 6123 Administration of Early Childhood Programs
ECE 6213 Current Issues in ECE
ECE 6523 Social Policies for Families & Children

Courses for Family Studies

ECE 6183 Seminar in ECE in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ECE 6303 Advanced Methods in ECE
ECE 6523 Social Policies for Families and Children
ECE 6213 Current Issues in ECE

Courses for Inclusive Education

ECE 5443 Guidance of Social/Emotional Development in Children
ECE 5523 Metacognitive Thinking & Learning Strategies
ECE 6363 Differential Instruction in a Diverse Classroom
ECE 6723 Integrating Technology across ECE Curriculum

Courses for Child Development

ECE 5123 Seminar in Development in Early Childhood and Infancy
ECE 5523 Metacognitive Thinking and Learning Strategies
ECE 6163 Biological Basis of Child Development: Brain Based Research and Learning
ECE 6183 Seminar in ECE in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Career Options for M.A. in Ed with

ECE Concentration:

- Early Childhood Specialist
- Curriculum Specialists
- Early Childhood Consultant
- Child Care Director
- Early Childhood Director
- Non-profit organizations
- Government Agencies
- Community Agencies
- Child Life Specialist