

B.S. in Early Childhood Education: Early Childhood Development Track Fall 2026

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development Track focuses on understanding learning and development during the early childhood years. Students will learn about the cognitive, language, and social/emotional development of young children within the context of family and community studies. Students will also learn about general and early education practices and curricula. (NOTE: This track does not result in teacher certification.)

Admission Requirements & Application

1. A minimum lower-division GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
2. Successful completion of 60 credit hours of lower-division coursework or an AA degree from an accredited institution
3. University Core Curriculum/General Education must be complete

Program of Study

The program of studies is as follows:

- Total credits: 120
 - Lower-division credits: 60
 - Upper-division: 60
- All program courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C"

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
A. Professional Education Course (30 Hours)		
1. Foundations (12 hours)		
EDG 3321	Managing Teaching Environments: Instructional Decisions and Classroom Management	3
EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EDF 3251	Classroom Management	3
EDF 4604	Cultural and Social Foundations of Education (GL)	3
2. Teaching Methods and Curriculum (9 hours)		
<i>Select three (3) advisor-approved teaching methods and curriculum courses, such as:</i>		
EEC 3242	Art in Early Childhood Education	3
EEC 4211	Integrated Math and Science in Early Childhood	3
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
MAE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Math	3
SCE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
TSL 3004	Foundations of Bilingual & ESOL Education	3
3. Early Childhood Education (min 9 credits)		
EEC 3204	Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
EEC 4005	Early Childhood Education Programs	3
LAE 4405	Children's Literature (GL)	3
B. Early Development Courses (21 hours)		
1. Child Development (9 hours)		
EDP 3273	Child Development	3
EDP 4274	Early Social and Emotional Development	3
EEC 3613	Assessing Young Children	3
2. Family and Community Studies (min 6 hours)		
<i>Select two (2) advisor-approved family and community studies courses, such as:</i>		
EEC 3400	Family Literacy and the Young Child (GL)	3
EEC 3403	Special Needs of Children and Their Families	3
EEC 3408	Communities, Families and Young Children	3
3. Literacy/Reading Development (min 6 hours)		
<i>Select two (2) advisor-approved literacy, language, reading development courses, such as:</i>		
RED 3313	Language and Literacy Development	3

RED 4100*	Emergent Literacy (<i>Prerequisite: RED 3313</i>)	3
RED 4150*	Content and Methods of Teaching Beginning Literacy (<i>Prerequisite: RED 3313</i>)	3
C. Elective Courses (9 hours)		
	<i>Select up to three (3) advisor-approved elective courses in the area of early childhood learning and development. Elective courses may be used to take additional courses in any of the areas listed above.</i>	9

*** Please note courses may require field experience hours.**

Graduation Requirements

- 1) FIU cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- 2) University Foreign Language Requirement (FLENT/FLEX) must be met
- 3) University Summer Enrollment Requirement must be met
- 4) 45 semester hours must be in upper division courses
- 5) All program and University requirements must be met

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