

B.S. in Early Childhood Education: Early Childhood Development Online 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 a Florida public 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)		
EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EDG 3321	General Instruction Decision Making	3
EDF 3251	Classroom Management	3
EDF 4604	Cultural and Social Foundations of Education (GL)	3
2. Teaching Methods and Curriculum (9 hours)		
EEC 3242	Art in Early Childhood Education (Same as ARE 3313)	3
EEC 4211	Integrated Math and Science in Early Childhood	3
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
TSL 3004	Foundations of Bilingual & ESOL Education	3
3. Early Childhood Education (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 C	3
2. Family and Community Studies (6 hours)		
EEC 3403	Special Needs of Children and Their Families	3
EEC 3408	Communities, Families, and Young Children	3
3. Literacy/Reading Development (6 hours)		
RED 3313	Language and Literacy Development	3
EEC 3400	Family Literacy and the Young Child (GL)	3
C. Elective Courses (9 hours)		
Select three (3) 3000-4000 level elective courses in either early childhood learning and development or areas such as Psychology, Communications, or Health Science.		

* 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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