

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

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development Track focuses on understanding of 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)		
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 (min 9 hours)		
<i>Select three (3) advisor-approved teaching methods and curriculum courses, such as:</i>		
ARE 3313*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Art	3
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
HLP 3722*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Health & PE	3
MAE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Math	3
SCE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
TSL 3080*	ESOL Principles and Practices I (GL)	3
3. Early Childhood Education (min 9 credits)		
<i>Select three (3) advisor-approved early childhood education courses, such as:</i>		
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 (min 9 hours)		
EDP 3273	Child Development	3
EDP 4274	Early Social and Emotional Development	3
EDP 4275	Assessment, Evaluation, and Diagnosis of the Young Child <i>*EEC 3613 Assessing Young Children, will be replacing this course</i>	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. They may also include courses in other departments, such as Psychology, Communications, Health Science, etc.</i>	9

*Course requires 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) Global Learning Requirement must be met
- 5) All program and University requirements must be met

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