



Department of Teaching and Learning
B.S. in Early Childhood Education: (Prekindergarten/Primary Education: Age 3 through
Grade 3 & ESOL & Reading Endorsement)
Fall 2025

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education with ESOL Endorsement is an initial teacher preparation program designed to train future teachers of students from PreK-3rd. The program is designed to provide students with general knowledge of teaching and pedagogical practices, as well as specific knowledge relevant to working in the early childhood education field.

Admission Requirements & Application

- A minimum lower-division GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Successful completion of 60 credit hours of lower-division coursework or an AA degree from an accredited institution
- A passing score on all sections of the General Knowledge Exam (GK). *All students must pass the GK exam and be admitted to their program by the end of the semester they successfully complete 72 credit hours*
- University Core Curriculum/General Education must be completed
- Major pre-requisites (listed below) must be taken and passed with a minimum grade of C

Common Prerequisites:

Course:		Credit Hours:
EDF 1005*	Introduction to Education	3

*Course requires field experience hours

Additional Lower Division Recommended courses:

Course:		Credit Hours:
EME 2040	Introduction to Educational Technology	3

*Course requires field experience hours

Program of Study

The program of studies is as follows:

- Total credits:120
 - Lower-division credits: 60
 - Upper-division: 60
- All courses and tests must be taken and passed prior to student teaching
- All program courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C"

Course:		Credit Hours:
Foundations (9 hours)		
EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EEC 3751	Collaborative Approaches to Self-Regulation, Empathy and Problem Solving	3
EDF 4604	Cultural and Social Foundations of Education (GL)	3
Early Childhood Core (3 hours)		
EEC 4250*	Curriculum and Instruction in Early Childhood Education (GL) (<i>Prerequisite: program admission/only offered Fall semester</i>)	3
Teaching Methods and Curriculum (21 hours)		
ARE 3313*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Art (Fall/Spring only)	3
MAE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Math	3
SCE 4310*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Settings	3
EEC 3613	Assessments of Young Children	3
HLP 3722*	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Health and PE	3
SSE 4118*	EEC Social Studies (GL) (<i>Prerequisite: program admission/only offered Fall semester</i>)	3
The following courses should be taken in sequence:		
Language & Literacy (12 hours)		
LAE 4405*	Children's Literature (GL)	3
RED 4100*	Emergent Literacy	3

RED 4150*	Content and Methods of Teaching Beginning Literacy (Prerequisites: LAE 4405 and RED 4100)	3
RED 4110*	Content and Methods of Teaching Literacy in Schools (Prerequisites: RED 4150)	3
TESOL (6 hours)		
TSL 3080*	ESOL Principles and Practices I (GL)	3
TSL 4081*	ESOL Principles and Practices II (GL) (Prerequisite: TSL 3080)	3
Student Teaching/Internship (9 hours) <i>Students must have passed the FTCE Professional Education and Prekindergarten/Primary Subject Area Exam prior to registering for the following course:</i>		
EEC 4943	Student Teaching (All courses must be taken prior to student teaching)	9

*Course requires field experience hours. Other courses may require field experience hours.

Student Teaching

All courses must be completed prior to the start of student teaching and both the FTCE: Professional Exam and FTCE: Subject Area Exam must be taken, passed, and official scores received by FIU three weeks prior to student teaching. Students must be FULLY admitted to their program to apply for student teaching. Students may apply for student teaching in the Office of Field Experiences by February 1st for the Fall semester student teaching and June 1st for Spring semester student teaching.

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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