

EDUCATION WITH AN EMPHASIS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD (MA)

This program prepares educators to be professional decision-makers, reflective practitioners, and adaptive experts in the field of Early Childhood Education. It focuses on strategies and best practices rooted in theory and philosophy supported by research. Students in this program will interpret, evaluate, and apply research and connect theory to practice related to all areas of early childhood education.

Code	Title	Credits
ECE 522	Play: Theoretical Foundations and Applications	3
ECE 544	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3
ECE 541 or GST 597	The Diverse Classroom Graduate Study Abroad	3
ECE 526	Curriculum and Instruction in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 527	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3
ED 521	Educational Research and Applications	3
ED 516	Family Systems for Educators	3
ED 582	Ethics for Educators	3
ECE 576	Methods, Advocacy, and Leadership in ECE	3
ED 590	Conducting Research and Completing the Capstone ¹	3
Total Credits		30

¹ ED 591 Thesis-Option Capstone (1 credit): Graduate level action research is included in this post-Capstone course for students that want this additional option, but is not required to complete the degree program.