

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Early Childhood Education is designed to prepare students for teacher certification from the Florida Department of Education for Prekindergarten/Primary (age 3 to grade 3), as well as the Prekindergarten/Disability endorsement, ESOL endorsement and Reading endorsement. Coursework and extensive field experiences enable students to dynamically integrate theory and teaching practices. Competencies include content-specific professional knowledge and skills applicable to the unique developmental needs of young children including a thorough understanding of culture, individualized guidance support, and authentic assessment techniques. Teacher candidates exit the program with evidence of high-quality teaching, including experience working with learners identified to receive services designated as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and emphasis on enhancing the capabilities of teachers' personalized pedagogical approaches to supporting children with a variety of technically identified needs.

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

Degree-seeking students are classified as pre-majors prior to formal transition into a College of Education (COE) major. In order to transition from a COE pre-major to a major, students must complete the following:

- An overall GPA of 2.5 on all hours attempted.
- Attempt all subsections of the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) General Knowledge Test. Please refer to Rule: 6A-4.0021 - Florida Teacher certification Examinations for alternative assessment options.
- Satisfy all General Education requirements.
- Satisfy the College-Level Skills requirements.
- Satisfy common prerequisite requirements.
- Successfully complete a background check.

Students must have passed the FTCE Subject Area Exam prior to beginning Block Four Integrated Field Experience.

Students must complete all coursework and have passed the FTCE Professional Education Exam prior to beginning Block Five Internship.

In addition to the program requirements and to qualify for Florida Teacher Certification, students must:

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits.
- Pass the General Knowledge Test (or alternative assessment option), the subject area examination, and the Professional Education Test.
- Complete a minimum of 48 of the 120 credits at the upper division (3000-4999 level).
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- Satisfy the College-Level skills and foreign language admission requirements.
- Satisfy the Service-Learning requirement.
- Satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement.
- Satisfy the residency requirement: 30 of the last 60 credits must be completed at FGCU.
- Complete the summer course enrollment requirement.

- Submit an Application for Graduation by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
FGCU General Education Program (https://www.fgcu.edu/academics/undergraduatestudies/generaleducation/)		
To prevent or minimize excess hours, select general education courses that satisfy common prerequisite requirements for your intended major.		
Common Prerequisites		
A minimum grade of C is required in each course		
EDF 2005	Intro to Teach Prof (Acceptable Substitute: EDFX005)	3
Required Courses in the Major		(57 credits)
A minimum grade of C in each course and an overall GPA of 2.5 is required		
EDF 3251	Classroom Org & Management	3
EDF 4112	Child Growth and Development	3
EDG 3323	Professional Teaching Practice	3
EDG 4371	Creative & Affective Developmnt	3
EDS 3942	Clinical Experience 1	3
EEC 3268	Play Development & Assessment	3
EEC 4307	Cognitive Exp for Yng Children	3
EEC 4940	Internship: Early Childhood	9
EEC 4942	Integrated Field Exp. - EC	3
EEX 4201	Young Children with Spec Needs	3
EEX 4221	Educ Assess of Exceptional Stud	3
MAE 4310	Math Content & Processes	3
RED 4310	Early Literacy Learning	3
RED 4942	Pract Assess/Instruc Read (capstone)	3
TSL 3080	Foundations of ESOL	3
TSL 4340	Methods, Cur, and Instr Effect	3
TSL 4520	Second Language Acquisition	3
Sustainability Course Graduation Requirement		(3 credits)
Select at least 3 credits in sustainability coursework (SCGR Attribute)		
Additional Electives		
As needed to reach total credits required for the degree		
Recommended options include:		
EME 2040	Intro to Tech for Educ	3

Total Credits Required: 120