SPECIAL EDUCATION, COLLABORATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Application Deadline

Rolling Admissions

Collaborative Early Childhood Certification Program

The Departments of Education and Special Education jointly offer the Collaborative Early Childhood teacher certification program at the graduate level. Students seeking teaching certification or cross endorsement in collaborative early childhood may specialize in either Birth to Kindergarten or Nursery to Grade 3. The graduate Early Childhood Collaborative Certification Program may be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis.

Required Courses for Birth to Kindergarten Certification - 45-48 Credits

Foundations of Education — 3 credits in addition to SED 481
• EDF 520 — Child in the American Culture - 3 credits
• SED 481 — Teaching Exceptional Children in the Elementary Classroom – 3 credits

Curriculum and Methods of Teaching — 18-21 credits
• EDU 506 — Language Arts and Children's Literature - 3 credits
• EDU 533 — Curriculum Design and Methods for Nursery — Grade 3 - 3 credits
• EDU 537 — Day Care: Policies and Programs – 3 credits
• EDU 573 — Language Arts: A Developmental Approach - 3 credits
• SED 550 — Early Development and Disability - 3 credits
• SED 552 — Evaluation and Service Delivery in Early Childhood - 3 credits
• SED 553 — Assessment and Intervention in Early Childhood- 3 credits
• SED 600 — Independent Study - 3-6 credits

Working with Families — 3 credits
• A subject area or interdisciplinary major
• EDU 538 — Parenting Education: Programs & Approaches - 3 credits
• SED 551 —Parent-Professional Relationships - 3 credits

Student Teaching — 12 credits
• EDU 300, EDU 400, EDU 450 or EDU 451 based on advisement — Two eight-week student teaching experiences

Additional Background Requirements
• 15–18 credits in human growth and development
• Two courses each in Math, English, and Natural Science. One course in U.S. History
• SHE 203 — School Health
• IDS 471 — English Language Learner in the Mainstream Classroom - 1 1/2 credits
• Additional prerequisite coursework may be required

Required Courses for Birth to Nursery to Grade 3 - 45-48 Credits

• Foundations of Education — 3 credits in addition to SED 481
• EDF 520 — Child in the American Culture - 3 credits
• EDF 523 — Social Foundations of Education - 3 credits
• SED 481 — Teaching Exceptional Children in the Elementary Classroom – 3 credits
  OR
  SED 225

Curriculum and Methods of Teaching — 18-21 credits (6 credits in language arts)

• EDU 504 — Mathematics in the Elementary School - 3 credits
• EDU 506 — Language Arts and Children's Literature - 3 credits
• EDU 533 — Curriculum Design and Methods for Nursery — Grade 3 - 3 credits
• EDU 534 — Curriculum Design and Methods for the Elementary Classroom - 3 credits
• EDU 573 — Language Arts: A Developmental Approach - 3 credits
• SED 550 — Early Childhood and Developmental Differences - 3 credits
• SED 553 — Assessment and Intervention in Early Childhood - 3 credits
• SED 554 — The At-Risk Child in the Early Elementary Grades: Instruction and Assessment - 3 credits

Working with Families — 3 credits

• SED 551 — Parent-Professional Relationships - 3 credits
• EDU 538 — Parenting in Education: Programs & Approaches - 3 credits

Student Teaching — 12 credits

• EDU 300, EDU 400, EDU 450 or EDU 451 based on advisement — Two eight-week student teaching experiences during the academic year.

Additional Background Requirements:

• 15 credits in human growth and development
• A subject area or interdisciplinary major
• Two courses each in Math, English, and Natural Science. One course in U.S. History
• SHE 203 — School Health
• IDS 471 — English Language Learner in the Classroom - 1 1/2 credits
• Additional prerequisite coursework may be required