



Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Is this track right for me?

Early childhood educators make a difference in the lives of young children! USC's early childhood program will prepare you to teach pre-K, kindergarten, first, second, or third grade in public or private schools of diverse communities. Your innovative, warm-hearted, and thorough demeanor will help you support young children's growth to form foundations for learning that will last a lifetime.

What will I study?

You will start right away with courses that bring you into the worlds of young children in schools and child care settings. You will gain over 700 hours of experience in preK-3rd grade classrooms working alongside your professors and working classroom teachers. You will learn about teaching content areas like science, mathematics, social studies, and literacy. You will study the process of building rich and supportive family-school relationships. You will learn joyful practices for teaching diverse groups of students.

What kinds of work will I be able to do?

Because of research demonstrating the importance of education in the early years, early childhood educators are in demand more than ever. Graduates of our program are highly sought after for their abilities to work on behalf of young children and their families within and beyond South Carolina. State reciprocity and our national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master's degree programs during their first years of teaching.

Program Accreditation

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Highlights

- Prepare to teach in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade.
- Begin taking education courses as early as your freshman year.
- Rich experiences in diverse schools with exemplary mentor teachers through embedded field experiences
- Over 700 hours of experience in schools throughout program
- Elect to participate in an urban education cohort.
- Choose to complete a specialization in early childhood special education.

**Impact the future!
Help build a foundation
for learning that
will last a lifetime.**

Visit us online to learn more about this program!

 sc.edu/education

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Typical Program for Early Childhood Education, B.A.

Freshman

Fall

Reading and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
Biology
Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring

Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
Rhetoric and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Physical or Earth Science
United States History

Sophomore

Fall

Play and Early Learning*
Children's Literature
Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I (for teachers)
Non-western Civilization
Additional required Carolina Core Course

Spring

The Young Child: Development, Care, and Education and Practicum (Birth to 3 Years)*
Learners and the Diversity of Learning
Art, Music, or Theatre for Children and Schools
Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics II (For Teachers)
Geography

Junior

Fall

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy in Early Childhood Classrooms
Parent/Family Dynamics in Early Childhood Education
Introduction to Exceptional Children
Schools in Communities
Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher*

Spring

Teaching Reading in Early Childhood Education*
The Young Child: Development, Care, and Education and Practicum (3-8 Years)*
Community of Learners and Classroom Management in Early Childhood
Linguistic Pluralism Across the Content Areas
Introduction to Classroom Assessment

Senior

Fall

Teaching Mathematics in Early Childhood
Teaching Science in Early Childhood
Internship in Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education*
Teaching Social Studies in Early Childhood
Teaching Writing in Early Childhood Education*

Spring

Seminar on Teaching in Early Childhood
Internship in Curriculum, Assessment, Teaching and Professional Roles*

*Indicates courses with experiences in an early childhood/elementary school setting.

See advisor for specific degree course requirements.



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