South Carolina’s Department of Education now requires that all persons who wish to teach Early Childhood Special Education (3-6 years old) complete an add-on certificate.

If you are considering working with this population or would simply like to strengthen your skills as a future teacher this add-on certificate is a valuable asset.

The University of South Carolina has a 6-course sequence (only 4 additional courses for Early Childhood Education majors) that meets the requirements for the certification. Cohorts start as early as Fall 2018:

- EDEX 530 Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education
- EDEX 630 Educational Procedures for Early Childhood Special Educators
- EDEX 646 Advanced Procedures for Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education
- EDEX 643 Social/Emotional Development and Guidance for Young Children with Developmental Delays
- EDEX 692 Partnerships in Early Childhood Special Education
- EDEX 714E or EDEC 342P in an inclusive practicum setting

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