

Early Childhood and Elementary Education PreK–4

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood/Elementary PreK–4th grade undergraduate major focuses on teaching children from birth to grade four within the home, Christian or public-school systems, international schools, or the pre-school or daycare setting. This four-year program helps future teachers to understand the importance of the interaction between the child, family, school, teacher/care giver, and community as it relates to child development. Students are also taught to respect diversity because we are created in God's image. The program provides an understanding of child development and the use of best practices to support and guide present and future development.

The program uses faith as the base for ethical behavior and professionalism. Future teachers also understand the standards for ethical and professional behavior as set by the National Association of the Education of Young Children and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this major, the student will:

- Demonstrate thorough knowledge of content and pedagogical skills in planning and preparation.
- Establish and maintain a purpose and equitable environment for learning.
- Demonstrate skill in delivering instruction that engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Demonstrate qualities that characterize a professional person in aspects that occur in and beyond the classroom/building.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science in Education

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

126 credits ▪ All courses are three credits unless noted otherwise.

Fall Year 1 (16 credits)

CSU101	CSU First Year Experience (0)
BI100	Principles of Bible Study
BI111	Bible Survey
EC111	Early Childhood Education Theories and Practices
EN105	Expository Writing
HP101	Living Well (1) *
MA102	College Math I

Spring Year 1 (16 credits)

EC112	Arts and Humanities in Early Child Education
EC316	Teaching Movement, Health, and Physical Education PreK-4 (1)
EN106	Rhetorical Grammar and Writing
MA104	College Math II
SP100	Speech Communication *
TH120	Building a Biblical Lifestyle

Fall Year 2 (18 credits)

EC213	Cultural Diversity and Relationship Building
EC215	Infancy through Preschool: Curriculum and Teaching
LI221C	American Literature I
PH206	Worldviews: Humanities and Science *
SED320	Introduction to Special Education
SC205	Integrated Science

Spring Year 2 (15 credits)

EC114	Child, Family, and Community
EC211	Effective Instructional Strategies for the Young Child
PS100	General Psychology *
PS204	Child and Adolescent Development
TH211	Theology Survey

Fall Year 3 (15 Credits)

EC311	Classroom Organization and Management
EC323	Early Childhood Mathematics Instruction
EV220	World Religions *
LI309	Children's Literature
PS308	Psychology of Learning and Education

Spring Year 3 (18 credits)

EC310	Observation, Documentation, and Assessment in Early Childhood
EC313	Science Instruction for the Young Child
EC314	Early Childhood Language Arts Instruction
EC318	Reading Methods for Young Children
ED422	Educating the English Learner
TH308	Theological Distinctives

Fall Year 4 (16 credits)

EC321	Teaching Early Childhood Social Studies
EC417	Advocacy, Leadership, and Collaboration
EC421	Differentiated Reading Instruction and Interventions
ED421	Senior Education Seminar (1)
SED413	Teaching in the Inclusive Classroom
TH480	Senior Seminar *

Spring Year 4 (12 credits)

EC432	Student Teaching Seminar (0)
ED434	Student Teaching I (6)
ED436	Student Teaching II (6)

* Courses offered both semesters