

**ALTERNATIVE FIFTH-YEAR PROGRAM
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Required Courses (33 semester hours):

ECE 500	Materials and Methods (3)
ECE 501	Behavior & Development in Early Childhood (3)
ECE 507	Assessment in Early Childhood Education (3)
ECE 513	Individualization of Ed. for Young Children (3)
ECE 530	Practicum for Young Children (3)
ECE 532	Issues & Trends in Early Childhood Education (3)
RDG 538	Teaching Reading in ECE (3)
ECE 539	Teaching Writing in ECE (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595)
EFD 500	Research in Education (3)

*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of course work.

33 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Undergraduate Requirements: 20-23 hours of undergraduate course work to include the following:

ECE 303	Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
RDG 304	Early Literacy (3)
ECE 309	Twenty-First Century Teaching and Learning Part I (3)
ECE 306	Practicum in ECE (3)
ED 300	Introduction to Teacher Education (2)
ECE 310	Early Childhood Math and Science for the 21 st Century (3) <i>(Must be taken concurrently with the ECE Block)</i>
RDG 311	Early Childhood Reading and Literature for the 21 st Century (3) <i>(Prerequisite: ECE Block)</i>
SPE 300	Survey of Exceptional Children (3)

Plus 3 approved courses of science and 4 approved courses of math.

(The ECE Block, ECE 303, RDG 304, ECE 309, ECE 306, is to be taken intact and is only offered during the Fall and Spring Semesters.)

**53-56 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours
Required for this Degree**

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Notes:

Students must meet eligibility requirements for the alternative fifth-year teacher certification program.

Completion of this program leads to eligibility for fifth-year (master's) teacher certification in early childhood education (P-3).

Candidates admitted (to enroll in courses in a Class A teaching field program) may complete no more than five approved program courses prior to unconditional admission to the program (this includes transfer credit). Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies and the Dean/Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

Successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II examination is required prior to internship for all alternative fifth-year programs.

Successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II content exam will satisfy the 32/19 content area requirement and/or the 4 x 12 requirement in all Fifth Year Alternative programs. Please see your academic advisor for more information concerning this option.