

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

Required Courses (43-46 semester hours):

ECE 500	Materials & Methods (3)
ECE 501	Behavior & Development in Early Childhood (3)
ECE 507	Assessment in Early Childhood Education (3)
ECE 510	Early Childhood Math and Science (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)
EED 509	Advanced 21 st Century Teaching and Learning (3)
RDG 520	Foundations of Teaching Reading (3)
RDG 521	Practicum in Teaching Reading (1)
RDG 538	Teaching Reading in ECE (3)
ECE 539	Teaching Writing in ECE (3)
SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) (Required for students who have not previously met the special education requirement).
*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.

43-46 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Undergraduate Requirements: 2 - 50 hours of undergraduate course work to include the following:

- ED 300 Introduction to Teacher Education (2)
- 12 hours of Laboratory Science
- 12 hours of English/Language Arts
- 12 hours of Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 hours of Math

45 – 96 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.