

Early Childhood-Elementary Education (PreK-4)

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The Early Childhood-Elementary Education (PreK-4) program is designed to prepare teachers to work in programs serving children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, primary, and early intermediate grades. The program aims to help students gain an appreciation and understanding of child development and learning, build conceptual and practical expertise about effective instruction, acquire a sound philosophy of education, and develop personally and professionally.

One hallmark of the program is the variety of exciting and diverse field experiences. By working directly with children many times over the course of several semesters prior to student teaching, students in the program gain hands-on experience with children of various ages and backgrounds, gaining insight into the creation of effective learning situations which meet the needs of all learners.

Early Childhood-Elementary Education (PreK-4) with Special Education Concentration (Dual Certification)

The Early Childhood-Elementary Education (PreK-4) with Concentration in Special Education (K-8) program is designed to prepare teachers to work in programs serving diverse learners in a variety of settings in grades pre-kindergarten through four. In addition to certification in early childhood-elementary education, students in this concentration will learn to implement evidence-based instructional practices in classrooms with students of diverse abilities. Furthermore, students will apply their skills in a variety of field experiences including a practicum for diverse learners focused on addressing the needs of special education students and English language learners. (Students earn a B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education; the transcript reflects the Early Childhood Education major and the Special Education concentration.)

Early Childhood Education students interested in a Master's degree in Special Education should consider the Accelerated +1 Program: Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education (B.S.Ed.) and Master of Education in Special Education (PreK-8) (M.Ed.)

Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood-Elementary Education (PreK-4)
- Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood-Elementary Education (PreK-4): Special Education