

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.A.

Teach pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade. Make a difference in the lives of young children.

## THE PROGRAM

You will participate in over 700 hours of field experiences and internships in PreK-3rd grade classrooms working alongside award-winning professors and experienced classroom teachers. You will learn innovative early childhood teaching methods for science, mathematics, social studies, and literacy. You will study the process of building rich and supportive family-school relationships and learn effective practices for teaching diverse groups of students.

Graduates are highly sought after for their abilities to work on behalf of young children and their families within and beyond South Carolina. State reciprocity and our national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master's degree programs during their first years of teaching.

## PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

This program has been accredited by:

- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)



## ADDED EXPERIENCES

You may elect to participate in one or both of our exciting specializations for early childhood majors.

- **Urban Education** - Learn more about effective teaching within an urban school environment through this immersive focus on schools with students from diverse cultural, racial, and linguistic backgrounds.
- **Early Childhood Special Education** - If you are considering working with 3-6 year old children with special needs or would simply like to strengthen your skills as a teacher, this specialization will be a valuable asset and leads to the SC Early Childhood Special Education add-on certification.

2022-2023

# TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.A.

## FRESHMAN

### Fall

Reading and Composition  
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving  
Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding  
Biology  
Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

### Spring

Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning\*  
Rhetoric and Composition  
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving  
Physical or Earth Science  
United States History

## SOPHOMORE

### Fall

Play and Early Learning\*  
Schools in Communities  
Children's Literature  
Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching I: PK-8  
Additional required Carolina Core Course

### Spring

The Young Child: Development, Care, and Education and Practicum (Birth to 3 Years)\*  
Learners and the Diversity of Learning  
Art, Music, or Theatre for Children and Schools  
Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching II: PK-8  
Social Science

### South Carolina Teacher Loan

SC Residents might be eligible for the South Carolina Teacher Loan. Visit [www.scstudentloan.org](http://www.scstudentloan.org) for more information.

## JUNIOR

### Fall

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy in Early Childhood  
African and African Diaspora Literacies in Early Childhood  
Parent/Family Dynamics in Early Childhood Education  
Introduction to Exceptional Children  
Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher\*

### Spring

Teaching Reading in Early Childhood Education\*  
The Young Child: Development, Care, Education (3-8 Years)\*  
Community of Learners and Classroom Management  
Linguistic Pluralism Across Content Areas  
Introduction to Classroom Assessment  
Elective

## SENIOR

### Fall

Teaching Mathematics in Early Childhood  
Teaching Science in Early Childhood Education  
Teaching Social Studies to Early Childhood Education  
Teaching Writing in Early Childhood Education  
Internship in Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood\*

### Spring

Seminar on Teaching in Early Childhood  
Internship in Curriculum, Assessment, Teaching, and Professional Roles\*

\*Indicates courses with experiences in an early childhood/elementary school setting

