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.
2023-2024

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
- 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, 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

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

South Carolina Teacher Loan
SC Residents might be eligible for the South Carolina Teacher Loan. Visit www.scstudentloan.org for more information.