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University of Missouri-St. Louis

Early Childhood Education

Career Outlook

The field of early childhood education has experienced a marked increase in the demand for highly qualified and professional prepared educators. As research continues to focus on the crucial early years of development, the need for trained professionals in early care and education will continue to rise. Early childhood graduates at all degree levels are attractive candidates for employment in a variety of educational positions. The downward extension of ages of schooling opens employment opportunities in the public and private sector. Future expansions of opportunities in schools are tied to population growth, increased specialization of services, and reduction in ratios between professional staff and children served. Additional career opportunities exist for early childhood educators in specialized child care, private family care, instruction and training, corporations, self-owned businesses, and family-focused public and private agencies. Qualified early childhood educators can and do make a powerful difference in the lives of families and children.

Undergraduate Studies

The Early Childhood degree program is housed in the Teaching and Learning Division, 369 Marillac Hall. Questions about degree and teacher certification requirements should be directed toward the Teacher Certification and Advising Office, 155 Marillac, 516-5937.

The division coordinates programs leading to the B.S. in education degree in early childhood education. A special feature of this program is the many opportunities to work with children in schools as part of the professional course work.

ATTENTION EDUCATION MAJORS:

Professional education courses must be completed with a grade point average of 2.50 and no grade lower than a C (2.0).

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science in Education: Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 3)

The Early Childhood program is designed for students wishing to teach and direct programs for children from pre-kindergarten through grade three. Students electing this program will work directly with young children as a part of their professional courses.

Pre-Education Requirements

Early Childhood Education (B-3)

Social Science (12 hours)

Psychology 1003, General Psychology
History 1001, American Civilization I or History 1002, American Civilization II
Political Science 1100, Introduction to American Politics
Sociology 1010, Introduction to Sociology, or any anthropology course

Science (9 hours)

Biological Science Lecture 1012
Biological Science Lab 1013
Physical Science
Physical Science Lab

English/Communications (9 hours)

English 1100, Composition
English 3100, Advanced Expository Writing
Communications 1040, Introduction to Public Speaking

Mathematics (6 hours)

Mathematics 1030, College Algebra
Mathematics 1150, Structure of Mathematical Systems I

Humanities (9 hours)

Courses from the following fields:
art history, music history, philosophy, literature, and language.

Program Requirements

Level I - Exploring Education as a Profession

Tch Ed 2210, Introduction to Teaching
Tch Ed 2211, Introduction to American Schools
Tch Ed 2212, Introduction to Learners & Learning

Level II - Analyzing the Nature and Processes of Education

Must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program to enroll in the following courses:

Ech Ed 3312, Introduction to Early Childhood
Tch Ed 3310, Introduction to Instructional Methods
Tch Ed 3312, The Psychology of Teaching & Learning
Tch Ed 3313, Introduction to Learners with Disabilities & Inclusive Education
Tch Ed 3315, Literacy, Learning & Instruction

CAREER

Related Area Requirements

Phy Ed 3282, Physical Growth & Motor Development
Phy Ed 3430, Teaching Health in the Elementary
School

Level III - Synthesizing Theory and Practice in Education

Entrance into Level III is based on successful completion of all course work in Levels I and II, as well as any prerequisite courses required by advanced methods courses.

Ech Ed 3303, Curriculum & Practice Laboratory:
Infant/Toddler

Ech Ed 3304, Curriculum & Practice Laboratory:
Preschool

Ech Ed 3313, Curriculum & Practice: Infant/Toddler

Ech Ed 3314, Curriculum & Practice: Preschool

Ele Ed 3330, Child Literature & Reading

Ech Ed 3332, Early Literacy

Ele Ed 3336, Teaching Language Arts & Reading

Ech Ed 4317, Assessing Individual Needs

Ech Ed 4320, Classroom Management

Ech Ed 4346, Acquisition of Math Concepts

Ech Ed 4989, Early Childhood Internship

Ech Ed 4990, Student Teaching

Ech Ed 4991, Student Teaching

Total: 120 hours

Graduate Studies

Degrees and Areas of Emphasis

M.Ed. programs are offered in counseling, educational administration, elementary education, secondary education, special education, and adult & higher education. Within the counseling program are the emphasis areas of elementary, secondary school counseling, and community counseling. Within the Educational Administration program are the emphasis areas of elementary administration, secondary administration, and community education. Within the Elementary Education program is the general emphasis area, reading, and early childhood education. Within the Secondary Education program are the general emphasis area, curriculum and instruction, reading, and middle school education. Within the Special Education program are the general emphasis area, and early childhood special education. Within the Adult and Higher Education program are the adult education and the higher education emphases.

Ed.S. Programs are available in educational administration and in school psychology. Programs leading to the Ed.D. Degree are offered in counseling education, teaching-learning processes, adult & higher education, and educational administration. Programs leading to the Ph.D. in Education Degree are offered in counseling, teaching-learning processes, educational psychology and research methods, and educational leadership and policy studies.

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