

New Program Proposal

Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Teaching

The Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Teaching prepares those with at least a bachelor's degree, who are not pursuing an M.Ed., for teaching in the Early Childhood classroom.

Admission Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Teacher Certification:

- A passing score on the designated Missouri Content Examination or an approved program of study
- A 2.75 or higher overall GPA
- Approved results of the Family Care Safety Registry
- A clear TB test or chest x-ray, if appropriate
- Students must meet the application deadlines set by the Graduate School

Related Area Requirements		
TCH ED 6565	Enriching Learning through Multicultural Arts, Music, Physical Education & Health	1
TCH ED 6566	Cross-Curricular Connections with Multicultural Arts, Music, Physical Education & Health	1
Level I		
TCH ED 5310A	Instructional Design: Lesson Planning for Elementary Education	1
ED PSY 6215	Psychology Of Early Childhood Development	3
ED PSY 6030	Instruction, Learning And Assessment	3
Level II		
ECH ED 6412	Foundations Of Early Childhood Education	3
SPEC ED 6412	Psychology Of Exceptional Children	3

ED TECH 6135	Technology for Preparing Inquiry-Based Teaching	1
ELE ED 6337	Teaching and Learning Literacy in Elementary Classrooms	4
Level III		
SPEC ED 6325	Advanced Studies in Classroom & Behavior Management	3
ELE ED 6338	Literacy Assessment for Guided Instruction	3
ECH ED 6348	Understanding and Supporting Children's Math and Science Inquiry	2
ECH ED 6535	Assessment Curriculum and Research Based Practice Birth through Grade Three	2
ECH ED 6536	Early Childhood Pre-Primary Practicum	2
ECH ED 5989	Practicum I: Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education Site Based Experience	2
ECH ED 5990	Practicum II: Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education Site Based Experience	8
Total Hours		42

Rationale

This certificate prepares students who hold at least a bachelor's degree for a career change to early childhood teaching. The certificate includes all the courses needed for teacher certification at the graduate level, opening new financial aid opportunities for students who are pursuing a new career.