

New Program Proposal

Elementary Education Option in Early Childhood Teacher Certification

Admission Requirements for the Option in Elementary 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

Education Core Courses		
TCH ED 6010	Examining History, Community And Social Justice In Education	3
TCH ED 6200	Building Character and Competence with Diverse Learners	4
ED PSY 6030	Instruction, Learning And Assessment	3
TCH ED 6909	Teacher Action Research I	3
TCH ED 6910	Teacher Action Research Capstone	3
Total Hours		16

Early Childhood Education (39 Hours): These are the courses required for the early childhood teaching (Birth to 3rd Grade)

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 Courses		
ED PSY 6215	Psychology Of Early Childhood Development	3

TCH ED 5310A	Instructional Design: Lesson Planning for Elementary Education	1
Level II Courses		
SPEC ED 6412	Psychology Of Exceptional Children	3
ECH ED 6412	Foundations Of Early Childhood Education	3
ED TECH 6135	TECHNOLOGY FOR PREPARING INQUIRY-BASED TEACHING	1
ELE ED 6337	Teaching and Learning Literacy in the Elementary Classrooms	4
LEVEL III Courses		
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 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		39

Rationale

A graduate level program is needed to prepare educator for early childhood settings. This graduate level teacher certification program has been designed to meet the new Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) teacher licensure requirements and to provide more graduate credit options. Creating an option in the MED degree allows us to set admission standards incorporating DESE's requirements and to track student progress toward licensure.