



The **Bachelor of**

# Educational Studies, Early Childhood Emphasis

**Ensure the youngest children get a head start.**

The impact of early learning experiences for young children is far-reaching. Help young children discover their worlds. Employment opportunities can be found in both public and private institutions with missions that focus on the youngest learners or in any organization interested in young children and their learning.

## **The Bachelor of Educational Studies, with an Emphasis in Early Childhood**

The BES, with an emphasis in Early Childhood, is perfect for students excited about education, but looking for challenges outside a traditional classroom. The BES will prepare you for a career as an educator in agencies and institutions that emphasize informal learning in different settings. This degree is designed to be a creative, flexible and inter-disciplinary bachelor's degree that emphasizes practical skills in multiple settings.

Students gain skills and insights that can be applied to roles as educators, managers and directors, program planners and curriculum developers. This degree program does not lead to Missouri teacher certification.

UMSL BES students have opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of field and community based experiences offered as part of their professional course work. These internship experiences in the St. Louis region include opportunities that offer authentic work site experiences with suburban, urban and special populations.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able apply a unique understanding of social justice by addressing institutional and social barriers that limit access, equity and achievement; conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner that views failure as an opportunity to learn; apply reasoning and critical thinking while making connections among information, data and arguments to synthesize and interpret information; apply unique leadership, management and communication skills using oral, written, nonverbal and visual communication skills in a variety of formats and contexts; apply knowledge and skills to effectively manage early childhood programs; and demonstrate a unique application of best practices when teaching young children.

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## Fully accredited.

The Bachelor of Educational Studies at UMSL is earned through our fully accredited College of Education which provides Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education certifications. Additionally, our counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs and our school psychology program is accredited by the National Association of Psychologists and Psychology.

## Preparing for an ever-changing world.

The College of Education offers a variety of programs that lead to exciting and rewarding career opportunities. Our faculty, staff, and community partners are committed to providing experiences to build the knowledge and skills needed for individuals to be successful in multiple educational settings and occupations. These careers include teachers, principals, and district superintendents; teachers and administrators for informal education organizations like museums, zoos and nature centers; counselors and mental health professionals for schools, hospitals, corporate employee assistance programs, clinics and private settings; and postsecondary leaders and instructors for community colleges, career technical schools, and four-year colleges and universities.

The college hosts many centers and initiatives that enhance student experiences in our programs and work with more than 36 different public, private and charter schools throughout the region. We also sponsor eight charter schools.

## Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Educational Studies is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

## Learn more at [coe.umsl.edu](http://coe.umsl.edu)

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a workforce well-equipped to teach the region's population and UMSL is prepared to help you meet that need. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for education.

## Career Opportunities

After School Program Director  
Curriculum Developer  
Child Care Director  
Child Care Manager  
Child Care Provider

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