

Master of Education in Early Childhood Education (M.Ed.)

36 Credits

Major Sequence and Degree Requirements

I. Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is open to those applicants who possess baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university. Applicants must submit supporting documents as required for general admission to a graduate program. Applicants must possess Pennsylvania Instructional I Certification in elementary education, early childhood education, or special education. Applicants who have not earned certification in one of these fields may satisfy Instructional I Certificate requirements concurrently. Applicants must have earned a 2.75 or better undergraduate cumulative average.

II. The Professional Studies Core (9 s.h.) III. Required Courses* (15 s.h.)

- EDFN 601 Methods of Research (3)*

Choose one:

- PSYC 525 Advanced Developmental Psychology (3)
- EDFN 545 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
- PSYC 625 Human Growth and Development (3)

Choose one:

- EDFN 511 Comparative Education (3)
- EDFN 590 Social Foundations of Education (3)
- EDFN 603 Philosophy of Education (3)
- EDFN 604 Education and Public Policy (3)

**These courses are required.*

- ECHD 611 Current Practices and Research in Early Childhood Education: Affective and Psychomotor Emphasis (3)
- ECHD 612 Current Practices and Research in Early Childhood Education: Cognitive Emphasis (3)
Or ECHD 519 Seminar in Early Childhood Education (3)
- ECHD 613 Early Childhood Education: Home, School and Community (3)
- ECHD 614 Advanced Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (3)
- SPED 618 Early Intervention for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers with Developmental Delays (3)

IV. Electives (Select one option - 12 s.h.)

With prior approval of graduate program coordinator:

Research option:

- ECHD 699 Thesis (3)
- Other Electives (9)

Non-Research option:

- Other Electives (12)

V. Exit Exam

*A written comprehensive examination, written and evaluated by the graduate faculty, is required of all students at the end of the program, and is to be scheduled during the final semester.

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