Early Childhood Education – Online Degree Completion Program

Millersville’s online Early Childhood Education program provides an exemplary program for undergraduate students in education, connecting content and pedagogy with authentic experiences in diverse school settings and upholding high standards for professional and civic conduct.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Millersville’s online Early Childhood Education program is designed to provide in-depth knowledge of subject matter and appropriate knowledge of pedagogy to teach prekindergarten to grade 4. Students who complete the Early Childhood Education program at Millersville University receive a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and may apply for a Pennsylvania Instructional I teaching certificate.

*Students outside of PA should check with their state’s Department of Education on licensure requirements before entering this program.

PROGRAM BENEFITS
• 100% online courses.
• Program start dates in spring and fall.
• Flexibility to work while earning a degree.
• Courses offered year-round to allow you to complete your degree faster.
• Major courses completed in 7.5 weeks.

WHY STUDY THIS PROGRAM?
The Early Childhood Education program at Millersville University prepares students to teach prekindergarten to grade 4. This program features many unique learning opportunities. Teacher candidates develop solid content knowledge and skills in educational assessment, lesson planning and instructional delivery. They learn how to work with children of all abilities and backgrounds and model best practices in consultation, collaboration and coteaching.

Graduates of this program are prepared for many different career paths as lead teachers in early learning centers, kindergartens and grades 1–4 in urban, suburban and rural communities, as well as many others.
WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Students within this program complete 15 credit hours in the professional core, 12 credit hours in student teaching and 45 credit hours in research-based methods of instruction. This program will prepare teacher candidates to use research-based methods of instruction with young children.

Teacher candidates are trained in the “coteaching” model of instruction and learn to collaborate with professionals in the school. Field placements can be flexible to a student’s work situation or current career placement.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Program Prerequisites:
Completion of at least 30 transferrable credits, including the below required prerequisite courses, is required before beginning.
- ERCH 110 Intro to Early Childhood Education
- SPED 101 Orientation to Special Ed
- MATH 104 Fundamentals of Math 1
- MATH 105 Fundamentals of Math 2

Program Required Courses:
- EDFN 211 Foundations of Modern Education
- EDFN 241 Psychological Foundations of Teaching
- EDFN 320 Instructional Technology in Elementary Ed
- ERCH 225 Foundations of Reading
- ERCH 315 Family and Community: Aspects of Diversity
- ERCH 316 Creative Experiences for the Young Child
- ERCH 345 Social Studies for the Young Learner
- ERCH 421 Language Development and Emergent Literacy
- ERCH 422 Teaching of Literacy, PreK-4
- ERCH 435 Literature for the Young Child
- ERCH 455 Teaching Mathematics to Young Children
- ERCH 465 Science for the Young Learner
- ERCH 485 Teaching Young English Language Learners
- ERCH 496 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment: Engaging the Young Child
- SPED 311 Assessment for Designing & Implementing Instruction
- SPED 331 Positive Learning Environments for all Students
- EDEL 461 Eled Student Teaching
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Required Related Courses:
- ART 128 Art Integration
- PSYC 227 Child & Adolescent
- WELL 240 Health, Safety & Nutrition

After applying, a transfer evaluation will be conducted to identify how many general education credits you will need to take to fulfill degree requirements.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare worker
- Elementary school teacher
- Education administrator
- Preschool teacher
- Special education teacher
- Teacher assistant
- Child, family and school social workers
- Instructional coordinator

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