



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.A.

Teach pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade.
Make a difference in the lives of young children.

THE PROGRAM

You will participate in over 700 hours of field experiences and internships in PreK-3rd grade classrooms working alongside award-winning professors and experienced classroom teachers. You will learn innovative early childhood teaching methods for science, mathematics, social studies, and literacy. You will study the process of building rich and supportive family-school relationships and learn effective practices for teaching diverse groups of students.

Graduates are highly sought after for their abilities to work on behalf of young children and their families within and beyond South Carolina. State reciprocity and our national accreditation make it easy to become certified in most states. Our graduates are also well-prepared to enroll in master's degree programs during their first years of teaching.

ACCREDITATION

All educator preparation programs at the University of South Carolina are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).



ADDED EXPERIENCES

You may elect to participate in one or both of our exciting specializations for early childhood majors.

- **Urban Education** - Learn more about effective teaching within an urban school environment through this immersive focus on schools with students from diverse cultural, racial, and linguistic backgrounds.
- **Early Childhood Special Education** - If you are considering working with 3-6 year old children with special needs or would simply like to strengthen your skills as a teacher, this specialization will be a valuable asset and leads to the SC Early Childhood Special Education add-on certification.

2024-2025

TYPICAL PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.A.

FRESHMAN

Fall

Reading and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Aesthetics and Interpretive Understanding
Biology
Elective (Typically UNIV 101)

Spring

Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning*
Rhetoric and Composition
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving
Physical or Earth Science
History

SOPHOMORE

Fall

Play and Early Learning*
Schools in Communities
Children's Literature
Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching I: PK-8
Additional required Carolina Core Course

Spring

The Young Child: Development, Care, and Education and
Practicum (Birth to 3 Years)*
Learners and the Diversity of Learning
Art, Music, or Theatre for Children and Schools
Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching II: PK-8
Social Science

JUNIOR

Fall

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy in Early Childhood
African and African Diaspora Literacies in Early Childhood
Parent/Family Dynamics in Early Childhood Education
Introduction to Exceptional Children
Physical Education for the Classroom Teacher*

Spring

Teaching Reading in Early Childhood Education*
The Young Child: Development, Care, Education (3-8
Years)*
Community of Learners and Classroom Management
Linguistic Pluralism Across Content Areas
Introduction to Classroom Assessment
Elective

SENIOR

Fall

Teaching Mathematics in Early Childhood
Teaching Science in Early Childhood Education
Teaching Social Studies to Early Childhood Education
Teaching Writing in Early Childhood Education
Internship in Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood*

Spring

Seminar on Teaching in Early Childhood
Internship in Curriculum, Assessment, Teaching, and
Professional Roles*

*Indicates courses with experiences in an early childhood/
elementary school setting

South Carolina Teacher Loan

SC Residents might be eligible for the South Carolina Teacher Loan. Visit www.scstudentloan.org for more information.



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