

# EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, M.ED.

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The Master of Education degree program in early childhood & elementary education prepares professionals for teaching and administrative positions in child-care and preschool settings, elementary schools, early-intervention special education programs, and colleges. The program is based on knowledge and developmentally appropriate practices for the teaching and learning of young children (birth through 8 years of age). An interdisciplinary program, it focuses on the connections of children, family, educational settings and community so essential to a young child's total development and individual, diverse needs. The program addresses early-childhood issues using sound research practices and principles, and includes a focus on the graduate student's individual professional needs. Courses are taught by graduate faculty members from the

1. Early, Middle and Exceptional Education,
2. Educational Foundations, and
3. Psychology Departments.

Students may also take electives in a variety of related disciplines including but not limited to Art, Applied Engineering, History, Safety and Technology, Social Work, Social Work etc. Students may elect to pursue an endorsement or certificate to fulfill elective requirements (I.E. ESL Online Learning, STEM, etc.).