EARLY, MIDDLE AND EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

The Programs

The Department of Early, Middle and Exceptional Education offers:

- Elementary Education Supervisory Certification (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/elementary-education-certification/)
- ESL Program Specialist Certificate (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/esl-program-specialist-certificate/)
- Gifted Education, M.Ed. (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/gifted-education-med/)
- Language and Literacy Education, M.Ed. - Reading Concentration (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/language-literacy-education-med/)
- Literacy Coaching Endorsement (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/literacy-coaching-endorsement/)
- Online Teaching Endorsement (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/online-teaching-endorsement/)
- Program Specialist-ESL Post-Baccalaureate Certification (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/program-specialist-esl-post-baccalaureate-certification/)
- Reading Specialist Certification (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/reading-specialist-certification/)
- Reading Specialist Post-Baccalaureate Certification (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/reading-specialist-post-baccalaureate-certification/)
- Reading/Language Arts Supervisory Certification (https://catalog.millersville.edu/graduate/college-education-human-services/early-middle-exceptional-education/reading-language-arts-certification/)
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Early Childhood Education in Today’s Society
An overview of the field of early childhood education. Historical and philosophical influences on past and current approaches to teaching young children are traced and analyzed. The developmental needs and characteristics of the young child, with emphasis on the pre-primary level, are related to current curriculum programs and practices. Emphasis is placed on the necessity of using developmentally appropriate learning materials and teaching strategies. Topical study includes concepts, definitions, child developmental theories and skills needed by today’s classroom professionals. In lieu of field experiences, appropriate teaching behavior is modeled by the instructor, and actual classroom occurrences are examined through Teacher Work Sample (TWS).

Seminar in Early Childhood Education
Investigation of contemporary goals of early childhood education. Provides analysis of organizational plans, classroom environment, teaching strategies and resources, and noteworthy trends and innovations. Application to individual situations is stressed. Focus will vary. Offered periodically.

Advanced Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
This course is designed to prepare students in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment young learners (i.e., PreK – 4th Grade). The course will focus on curricular philosophy and theory, approaches to early childhood education, pedagogical content knowledge, child development, and assessment of young learners. Current research, practice, and trends in early childhood education will be considered.