Early Childhood Education, BAE

Help shape the future of young children, their families and communities with a degree in early childhood education. By being a central figure in the lives of children during their most formative years --- ages birth to age 8 --- you will help build a solid foundation for future learning.

Program Description

The BAE program in early childhood education prepares students to meet the educational, behavioral and social-emotional needs of children, ages birth to age 8 or grade 3. This program focuses on child development and best practices in early childhood education, including the skills to create inclusive learning environments; conduct instructional design, planning and facilitation; and assess, monitor and report the progress of young children.

Extensive professional experiences are built into this program to prepare students to enter the teaching profession after graduation. Students complete internships prior to a full-time teaching residency. Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a distinctive approach to teacher-preparation, which includes student participation in internships and residencies while receiving guidance and support from faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Professional experiences are designed to prepare graduates to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners.

Graduates are eligible to earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Early Childhood, birth--grade 3 or age 8, as well as a Structured English Immersion, preK--12, endorsement from the Arizona Department of Education. In order to teach in an Arizona public school, graduates must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams: National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.

Format option: This program is also offered via ASU Sync for transfer students who reside in Arizona. These students must either have a completed associate degree or will have completed an associate degree by the time they are enrolled at ASU. ASU Sync enables students to attend live classes remotely via Zoom. Classes are designed to foster active collaboration and discussion in real-time with faculty and peers. Students can learn more about ASU Sync for undergraduates at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Students on I-20 visas are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should speak with an advisor about other options to complete this program.

Students seeking to use GI Bill® benefits for ASU Sync programs should contact the Pat Tillman Veterans Center regarding certain limitations.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available on the official U.S. government website at [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](https://education.asu.edu/)
- **Location:** Tempe, ASU Sync
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 117 - College Algebra
  or MAT 142
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2022 - 2023 Major Map](https://education.asu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/asu-sync-statewide)
[Major Map (Archives)](https://education.asu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/asu-sync-statewide)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
[First-year](https://education.asu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/asu-sync-statewide) | [Transfer](https://education.asu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/asu-sync-statewide) | [International](https://education.asu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/asu-sync-statewide) | [Readmission](https://education.asu.edu/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/asu-sync-statewide)
Additional Requirements:

The ASU Sync option is only available to transfer students residing in Arizona due to state regulations and student teaching placement requirements. Students should have a completed associate degree or will have completed an associate degree by the time they are enrolled at ASU. Students on I-20 visas are not allowed to complete courses via Sync.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments, and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad.

Students can learn how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education, and they can conduct comparative research, make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools, and engage in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities.

To explore available programs, students may visit ASU's Global Education website at https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities
There is a strong demand for early childhood educators in Arizona and nationwide. Many graduates with a degree in early childhood education hold leadership positions in Head Start, private nonprofit and private for-profit center-based programs, and public school early childhood environments.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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**Professional Licensure**

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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