

Early Childhood Education, **BAE**

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

Program description

The Bachelor of Arts in Education 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.

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a team-based approach to teacher preparation, allowing students to participate in professional experiences (internships and student teaching) with a team of peers while receiving guidance and support from ASU faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Team-based professional experiences are designed to prepare students to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners. Clinically embedded courses and professional experiences provide students with multiple opportunities to apply knowledge learned in coursework to practice in the classroom.

Students complete a series of internships before a semester-long full-time student teaching experience. With the support of a certified mentor teacher and ASU faculty, students are able to apply what they learn during coursework in learning environments.

Graduates are eligible to earn an institutional recommendation from ASU for Arizona teacher certification in Early Childhood Education, Birth-Age 8/Grade 3, as well as a Structured English Immersion, PreK-12, endorsement from the Arizona Department of Education. 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.](#) 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. ASU Sync students must reside in Arizona throughout the duration of the program. Students on F-1 or J-1 immigration status are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should speak with an advisor about other options to complete this program.


The ASU Sync option is only available to transfer students residing in Arizona because of state regulations and student teaching placement requirements. Students should have completed an

associate degree by the time they enroll at ASU.

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 at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

At a glance

- **College/school:** [Mary Lou Fulton College for Teaching & Learning In](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [ASU Sync](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **STEM-OPT extension eligible:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 114 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Curriculum

[View 2025 - 2026 curriculum](#)

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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.

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Additional requirements:

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Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major requirements

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

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) 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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Because of climate change, geopolitical instability or economic factors, the United Nations and other institutions predict that migration is expected to increase globally for the foreseeable future. Learners will migrate to new communities. Increasingly, educators will be asked to meet the needs of students who speak languages other than English and who bring a variety of cultures into classrooms and learning environments. Education students participating in study abroad programs can prepare for this reality by engaging in [Global Education programs](#), where they can expand their notion of normal schooling and deepen their understanding of how to foster inclusive and inspiring learning environments.

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.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
College Program Director	3.5%	\$99,940
Employee Training Manager 	6.5%	\$120,000
Instructional Specialist	2.5%	\$66,490

<u>Kindergarten Teacher</u>	0.5%	\$60,490
<u>Preschool Director</u>	-3.0%	\$49,690
<u>Preschool Teacher</u>	3.4%	\$35,330

* 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.

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