

Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education, **BAE**

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ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Students interested in this program should apply to the [BAE in Early Childhood Education](#) or the [BAE in Special Education](#).

Make a difference in the lives of children with diverse learning abilities and become eligible to obtain two teaching certifications. As a central figure in the lives of children during their most formative years, you will help build their foundation for future learning.

Program description

The BAE program for early childhood education and early childhood special education prepares students to be eligible for dual certification in both early childhood education and early childhood special education (birth to age 8).

This program focuses on child development; research-based instructional and assessment practices in early childhood education; and the skills to assess, monitor and report the progress of children with and without disabilities. It prepares students to collaborate effectively with family members of young children to support the growth and development of those children.


Extensive professional experiences are built into this program to prepare students to enter the teaching profession after graduation. Graduates will 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 and Early Childhood Special Education, and an endorsement in Structured English

Immersion, preK-12, 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: Transfer students who live in Arizona and outside of Maricopa County may be eligible to take regularly scheduled classes remotely via ASU Sync. More information is available on the [program website](#).

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [ASU at The Gila Valley](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics or MAT 117 College Algebra
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2022 - 2023 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

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](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

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

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

Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments, and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad. They can explore how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education, conduct comparative research, and make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools and engaging in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities. They may visit ASU's [study abroad website](#) to explore programs.

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.

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.

Contact information

