

Early Childhood Education, MEd

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Program description

Degree awarded: MEd Early Childhood Education

The MEd program in early childhood education prepares individuals to contribute to systems to meet the educational, social and emotional needs of children from birth through age 8. Through coursework, applied activities and in-person clinical experiences, the program equips students with specialized skills and advanced knowledge in early childhood pedagogy, community collaboration, technology, policy and advocacy.

The master's degree is appropriate for students interested in learning about early childhood education research and working with infants, toddlers and children through age 8. This program may be of interest to students who already have a teaching certificate and are considering furthering their knowledge and skills or pursuing doctoral studies in the future.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Online](#)

Degree requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (ECD 593)

Required Core (24 credit hours)

ECD 505 Foundations of Early Childhood Education (3)

ECD 527 Mathematics in Early Childhood Education (3)

ECD 541 Assessment of Young Children (3)

ECD 549 Foundations of Diversity, Human Development and the Young Child (3)

ECD 565 Appropriate Instructional Methodologies for Young Children (3)

EED 532 Literacy Methods of Instruction and Assessment for Diverse Learners (3)

TEL 517 Creating Equitable Learning Environment: Decision Making and Action (3)

TEL 531 Foundations of Literacy: The Science of Reading (3)

Electives (3 credit hours)**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

ECD 593 Applied Project (3)

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. professional resume
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

The letters of recommendation should be from individuals who can speak to the applicant's potential for success in a graduate program. Only professional recommenders are accepted.

The personal statement should describe the personal and professional goals that motivated the applicant to apply to the graduate certificate, and explain what led them to this career path and how they will excel as an educator. The admission committee pays particular attention to the quality of writing and ideas expressed in the personal statement.

The professional resume should be one to two pages and include relevant personal, professional, educational and community activities.

The personal statement and professional resume should be prepared in one of the following file formats: MS Word (.doc), rich text (.rtf), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or text (.txt).

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.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career opportunities

Graduates from this program may become curriculum designers, preschool directors or early childhood specialists.

Contact information

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