

Early Childhood Education, Certificate

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Make a profound difference in the lives of young children by helping to build a solid foundation for future learning.

Description

The certificate program in early childhood education prepares students to support the cognitive and social-emotional development of young children.

This program allows students to be eligible for dual teaching certificates upon completion of an undergraduate degree, or to meet requirements for an Early Childhood endorsement. This certificate can be added to the following degree programs:

- BAE in elementary education
- BAE in elementary multilingual education
- BAE in special education

Students develop skills in understanding and applying evidence-based practices in early childhood education. The innovative coursework is centered on child development theory, development of young children, assessment practices and instructional pedagogy. Students explore techniques and approaches to engage children's family members in the growth and development of young children.

Graduates earn an institutional recommendation for teacher certification in Early Childhood Education, Birth-Age 8 or Grade 3, or an endorsement in Early Childhood Education, Birth-Age 8 or Grade 3, through the Arizona Department of Education. Those desiring to teach in public schools must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams (National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments) to be certified to teach in the state of Arizona.

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 need to reside in Arizona throughout the duration of the program. 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 at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [ASU Sync](#)

Program requirements

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In addition to completing this certificate and a teacher certification program major, students will be required to earn a passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the AEPA/NES exam and a passing score on the subject knowledge portion of the AEPA/NES exam in each area an Arizona teaching credential is sought. Subject knowledge exam waivers may apply. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

This certificate requires 19 credit hours. A "C" or better is required in all coursework.

Required Courses -- 19 credit hours

[ECD 321: Foundations in Language, Literacy and Culture in Early Childhood \(L\)](#) (3)

[ECD 417: Arts Integration for Young Children](#) (3)

[ECS 310: Foundations in Typical / Atypical Child Development](#) (3)

[ECS 312: Social and Emotional Development of the Young Child \(SB\)](#) (3)

[ECS 411: Instructional Methodologies for Young Children: STEM](#) (3)

[ECS 412: Mathematics Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment](#) (4)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

This certificate is open only to students majoring in elementary education, special education and elementary multilingual education undergraduate teacher preparation programs in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Students should have a valid Arizona DPS Identity Verified Print fingerprint clearance card.

A GPA of 2.25 is required for continued good standing. Students should contact the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for more information.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student but may not be eligible for an institutional recommendation for Arizona teaching licensure without additional preparation beyond the certificate.

Career opportunities

There is a strong demand for early childhood educators in Arizona and nationwide. Many graduates with early childhood education credentials 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.

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