EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - M.ED.

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School of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Studies
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Description
The Master of Education degree in Early Childhood Education prepares critically reflective teachers with advanced knowledge in pre-school through primary multi-disciplinary curriculum. Students are prepared to be democratically accountable leaders, co-decision makers, pedagogical experts and committed professionals in various early childhood realms. The program emphasizes commitment to equitable and caring learning communities.

Ohio endorsements for pre-school and literacy endorsement or generalist (grades four and five) may be embedded in the program. In addition, students have the opportunity to receive an International Baccalaureate (IB) recognition award in the M.Ed. degree.

The Early Childhood Education major includes the following optional concentrations:

- Early Childhood Leadership: Advocacy, Curriculum and Policy
- Globalization and Intercultural Competence
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Fully Offered At:
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Co-construct curriculum as a co-worker with learners and others (parents, families, colleagues and community members) to make sound decisions for learning and teaching experiences, as opposed to being passive receivers of prescribed curriculum.
2. Synthesize conceptual understandings of children, theory, content, technology and socio-cultural contexts into meaningful activities and opportunities for learning with all students in pre-kindergarten to grade three.
3. Engage in the habit of self-assessment in order to continually uncover unknown possibilities in children’s learning, classroom practice, educational theory and one’s own teaching identity in the local and global context.
4. Become committed to the children and their learning, the families and the local community while having an awareness of the global context.
5. Engage in continuous self-improvement and lifelong learning.
6. Apply skills, knowledge and dispositions to challenge “questionable” policies that limit opportunities for all children.
7. Utilize research and theory to develop varied and effective pedagogies and assessments that will positively impact all students’ learning (Learning and teaching is a transdisciplinary practice).
8. Advocate as ethical leaders and moral agents striving for social justice.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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Major Electives, choose from the following: 11

- ECED 50093 VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
- ECED 50114 TEACHING SCIENCE IN THE EARLY YEARS
- ECED 50123 CRITICAL INQUIRY INTO INTEGRATED CURRICULUM IN THE PRIMARY YEARS
- ECED 50142 HOME, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- ECED 50145 MUSIC AND MOVEMENT IN PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION
- ECED 50147 TEACHING MATHEMATICS: EARLY YEARS
- ECED 50153 ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS
- ECED 60101 CONSTRUCTIVIST TEACHING IN TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD SETTINGS
- ECED 60102 DEVELOPING A BALANCED LITERACY PROGRAM
### ECED 60110
TEACHING HUMANITIES: EARLY YEARS

### ECED 60113
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

### ECED 60151
SOCIO-MORAL ENVIRONMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### ECED 60158
RECONCEPTUALIZING EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

### ECED 60167
LANGUAGE AND LITERACY: UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENT

### ECED 67292
PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### ECED 67296
INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### ECED 67298
RESEARCH IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Additional electives with advisor approval**

### Additional Requirements or Concentrations

**Choose from the following:**

- **15**

**Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration**

**Early Childhood Leadership: Advocacy, Curriculum and Policy Concentration**

**Globalization and Intercultural Competence Concentration**

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Concentration**

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 32

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1 Courses fulfilling major program requirements (listed above) may not be used to also fulfill the requirements for the additional major electives.

### Early Childhood Leadership: Advocacy, Curriculum and Policy concentration Requirements

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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics concentration Requirements

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Mathematics Education Electives, choose from the following with advisor approval:

- CI 67095 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- CI 67224 TEACHING MATHEMATICS USING COMPUTERS AND CALCULATORS
- CI 67225 RESEARCH IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

Science Education Electives, choose from the following with advisor approval:

- CI 61141 NATURE OF SCIENCE IN SCIENCE EDUCATION
- CI 67240 INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
- MCED 56645 CRITICAL INQUIRY AND INTEGRATION: SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 4
- MCED 57745 CRITICAL INQUIRY AND INTEGRATION: SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 5

Additional elective with advisor approval

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

Graduation Requirements

Students are guided by faculty in the development of a program of study that satisfies both individual professional goals and expectations of the department, college and university. All students are expected to complete an exit project that involves a practicum or action research project.