

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3-5 YEARS) ENDORSEMENT PREPARATION - NON-DEGREE

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Description

The non-degree Early Childhood Education Pre-Kindergarten (3-5 years) Endorsement Preparation program is for teaching learners ages three through five and is limited to those holding an elementary certificate, or special certificate for education of the handicapped, or early childhood or intervention specialist license. Students must have an advising appointment with the graduate program coordinator to review former licenses, teaching experiences, employment, as well as field experiences to determine which of the courses and field experiences are necessary (in compliment to already existing valid licenses held by prospective students). Additionally, a program of study must be filed in the Offices of Clinical Field Experiences prior to application for the licensure.

The non-degree program is not a master's degree program. Students interested in obtaining a teaching endorsement and a master's degree from Kent State University must also be fully admitted into the master's degree program and complete the prescribed coursework on the master's degree prospectus, in addition to courses that are prescribed here for an endorsement.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree
- Official transcript(s)
- Minimum 3.000 GPA
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure Form
- Evidence of valid elementary certificate, or special certificate for education of the handicapped, or early childhood or intervention specialist license from the State of Ohio.

Program Learning Outcomes

Completers of this program will be able to apply early childhood learning standards including knowing and understanding characteristics of young children, creating safe and appropriate environments for learning,

working with diverse families, performing appropriate assessments, and understanding and applying ethical principles for the profession.

Program Requirements

Licensure Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Licensure Requirements		
Electives, choose from the following: (min C grade)		6
ECED 50142	HOME, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS	
ECED 50153	ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS	
ECED 60113	PRESCHOOL EDUCATION	
ECED 67292	PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	
Electives, choose from the following: (min C grade)		9
ECED 50147	TEACHING MATHEMATICS:EARLY YEARS	
ECED 50105	APPROPRIATE PHONICS INSTRUCTION FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY CHILDREN	
ECED 50114	TEACHING SCIENCE IN THE EARLY YEARS	
ECED 50126	DEVELOPMENTAL READING AND WRITING: THE EARLY YEARS	
ECED 60102	DEVELOPING A BALANCED LITERACY PROGRAM	
ECED 60112	HUMANITIES FOR CHILDREN	
ECED 60145	TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES: EARLY YEARS	
ECED 60151	SOCIOMORAL ENVIRONMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	
ECED 60152	APPLICATION OF SELECTED THEORETICAL PRINCIPLES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN	
ECED 60160	TYPICAL AND ATYPICAL DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG CHILDREN	
ECED 60167	LANGUAGE AND LITERACY:UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENT	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

Graduation Requirements

- Minimum grade of C or better is required in each course for licensure.
- All coursework for the license must be current; transcript evaluation will occur with advisement and age of prior coursework.
- The preschool internship may be completed during the summer I session.
- Minimum credit hours will be completed after the advising session to determine which part of the Pre-K profession is most beneficial for additional licensing.
- For candidates employed full time in a teaching capacity, an individualized plan for completing the internship will be developed with the faculty advisor. This may include observations, partnering with a preschool teacher, and development of a portfolio to demonstrate competency for teaching in the preschool years.

Licensure Information

Prior to program completion, the candidate must demonstrate proficiencies in the following areas (including but not limited to): Data literacy and analysis, use of research and assessment data, leadership and collaboration, utilizing and supporting appropriate technology for the discipline, and application of professional dispositions, laws and policies,

codes of ethics and professional standards appropriate to their field of specialization.

Candidates seeking Ohio teaching endorsement are required to pass specific requirements in order to apply for an endorsement from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Students should consult the Early Childhood Education program for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Department of Education - Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to endorsement.

Students who do not apply for endorsement within 12 months of program completion may be subject to additional course requirement, based on standards in force at the time of application.