

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

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## Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Admission Terms

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

## Examples of Possible Careers\*

### Education teachers, postsecondary

- 4.8% about as fast as the average
- 77,300 number of jobs
- \$65,440 potential earnings

### Elementary school teachers, except special education

- 3.5% about as fast as the average
- 1,452,100 number of jobs
- \$60,940 potential earnings

### Kindergarten teachers, except special education

- 3.7% about as fast as the average
- 127,700 number of jobs
- \$57,860 potential earnings

### Preschool teachers, except special education

- 2.5% slower than the average
- 540,400 number of jobs
- \$31,930 potential earnings

## Teaching assistants, except postsecondary

- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 1,395,900 number of jobs
- \$28,900 potential earnings

### \*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Description

The Early Childhood Education Pre-Kindergarten (3-5 years) Endorsement Preparation non-degree program is designed for teaching learners ages three through five and is limited to those holding an elementary certificate, special certificate for education of the handicapped or early childhood or intervention specialist license.

This program does not culminate in a master's degree, but can be embedded into an M.Ed. degree. Students interested in obtaining a teaching endorsement and a master's degree from Kent State University must also be fully admitted to a master's degree and complete the prescribed coursework on the master's degree prospectus, in addition to courses that are prescribed here for endorsement.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree
- Official transcript(s)
- Minimum 2.750 GPA
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure Form
- Evidence of valid elementary certificate, 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:

1. Apply early childhood learning standards, including
  - a. knowing and understanding characteristics of young children
  - b. creating safe and appropriate environments for learning
  - c. working with diverse families
  - d. performing appropriate assessments
  - e. understanding and applying ethical principles within the profession

## Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

## Residence Requirement Policy for Non-Degree Teacher Education Licensure/Endorsement Preparation Programs

- Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are a total of 15 credits or above: Students must complete 60% of the coursework at Kent State University, including the course that addresses the CAEP A.1.1 Standard as designated by the program area.
- Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are less than 15 total credits: Students must complete 100% of the coursework at Kent State University.
- Students are permitted 6 years to complete licensure programs and 4 years to complete endorsement programs at Kent State University.
- Coursework transferred from another university cannot be more than 6 years old at the time the licensure/endorsement program is completed.
- Students who do not meet the residence requirements will not be recommended for licensure by Kent State University.

## Program Requirements

### Licensure Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Licensure Requirements (min C grade in all courses) <sup>1</sup></b>		
Electives, choose from the following:		6
ECED 60113	PRESCHOOL EDUCATION	
ECED 60152	APPLICATION OF SELECTED THEORETICAL PRINCIPLES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN	
ECED 67292	PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION <sup>2</sup>	
Electives, choose from the following:		9
ECED 50302	APPROPRIATE PHONICS INSTRUCTION AND WORD STUDY	
ECED 50303	TEACHING MATHEMATICS IN THE ELEMENTARY YEARS I	
ECED 60103	SOCIAL STUDIES AND THE ARTS IN PRESCHOOL	
ECED 60151	SOCIOMORAL ENVIRONMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 the necessary courses and field experiences to compliment the student's existing valid license(s). All coursework for the license must be current. 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. Additionally, a program of study must be filed in the Office of Graduate Student Services, 418 White Hall, prior to application for the licensure.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Graduation Requirements

- Minimum C grade is required in each course for endorsement.
- The preschool internship may be completed during the summer I session.

## 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.