



Early Childhood Education, Birth-Age 8 or Grade 3, Arizona Teacher Certification

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Earn your Early Childhood Teaching Certificate Online

The Post Baccalaureate courses are designed for individuals who have a bachelor's degree or higher (in any area) from an accredited university and would like to become a certified early childhood teacher.

Students in the Early Childhood Education program are preparing to teach children from birth through third grade. This program requires in-person field experiences, a 60- hour internship in an infant, toddler, preschool setting and a twelve-week student teaching experience in a K-3 classroom. Students must verify content proficiency through the passage of the early childhood subject knowledge exam ([AEPA/NES](#)).

CIPS Code: 13.1210

Program Prerequisites

Program Prerequisites: Acceptance into the Early Childhood Post Baccalaureate Educator Preparation Program required.		Field Experience	
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
EDO100-101	Introduction to the Educator Preparation Programs	0	0

Required Courses – Level 1

Required Courses: All classes must meet the 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.		Field Experience	
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
EDU239	Structured English Immersion Grades K-8	0-3	0

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Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
	OR 45-clock hour workshop credit certificate from an approved vendor(Transcript evaluation required)		
EDU287AA	Master Teacher Seminar I: Standards-Based Instruction	1	0
EEP224	Childhood Development: Prenatal to Age Eight	3	20 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool
EEP240	Early Childhood Foundations	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool
EEP242	Early Childhood Guidance and Management	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3
EEP244	Early Childhood Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child	3	20 Hours Site-based Preschool or K-3 Special Education
EEP246	Early Childhood Culture, Community, Family and the Child	3	20 Hours Site-based Infant/Toddler/Preschool
EEP250	Early Childhood Language and Literacy Development	3	20 Hours Site-based K-3
POS220 OR POS221 AND POS222	U.S. and AZ Constitution (3) OR Arizona Constitution (1) AND U.S. Constitution (2) OR AEPA Exam Passing Score on the Constitution of the United States and Arizona Exam (Transcript evaluation required)	0-3	0

Required Courses – Level 2

Level 2 Prerequisites: Completion of Level I and FORMAL ADMISSION to Level II. Formal admission requires a passing AEPA/NES Subject Knowledge exam score in Early Childhood. All classes must meet the 3.0 overall GPA. Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.			Field Experience
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
EDU287AC	Master Teacher Seminar III	1	0
EEP260	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Math – Birth to Age Eight	3	20 hours Site-based K-3
EEP262	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Science – Birth to Age Eight	2	15 hours Site-based K-3
EEP264	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods of Social Studies – Birth to Age Eight	1	10 hours Site-based K-3
EEP266	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods in Language Arts – Birth to Age Eight	1	0
EEP268	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods in the Arts – Birth to Age Eight	1	0
EEP276	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical and Atypical Behaviors Birth to Age Eight	3	20 hours Site-based K-3

Required Courses – Level 3

Level 3 Prerequisites: Completion of all Level 1 and Level 2 coursework with 3.0 overall GPA and passage of AEPA/NES Early Childhood Education Subject Knowledge Exam. Courses with a final grade of “D” or “F” must be retaken regardless of GPA.			Field Experience
Course #	Course Title	Credits	Hours
EEP288	Student Teaching Lab - Early Childhood	4	Minimum 12-weeks full time
EEP289	Internship: Early Childhood, Infant, Toddler, Preschool	4	60 hours

Notes

- The total amount of credits required for this program is 39-45 credit hours.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses required within the program.
- Minimum GPA: 3.00
- Not all classes are offered every semester. Contact an academic advisor for additional information.
- EDU289 requires 60 hours at a single site offering infant, toddler, preschool, and administration during an 8-week period.