



COLLEGE OF  
**EDUCATION AND  
HUMAN SCIENCES**

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE: **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**



### OVERVIEW

Pursue your passion for addressing the educational, social and developmental needs of young children by pursuing the Early Childhood Education degree option. This program integrates teaching techniques that will help you improve the intellectual and emotional development of children in public schools, private schools and community programs. Through four field experiences you will participate in hands-on learning that links educational theory and research with daily teaching practice. Graduates are recommended to the State of Oklahoma for certification to teach pre-kindergarten through third grade and are prepared for certification exams in other states. Many states offer reciprocal teaching certification.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- On-site model teaching classroom and child development lab used to practice real-world educational techniques in an inclusive classroom setting.
- Multiple field experiences with young children in urban, suburban and rural settings.
- National and state accreditation through National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
- Accelerated master's program allows you to earn both an Early Childhood Education bachelor's and master's degree in five years.
- Ranked as a Top 10 Early Childhood Education program in the U.S. by BachelorsDegreeCenter.com.

### NOTABLE NUMBERS



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### STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

“OSU Early Childhood Education has crafted an unparalleled teacher preparation degree that provides future educators with both the ability to understand and the tools needed to teach children across all developmental pathways while fostering love, connection and bridging education and life. The program values students and provides multiple opportunities to practice methods, gain experiences and build relationships on and off campus within the educational community.”

- Robin Holly, Early Childhood Education student

# PEOPLE. PASSION. PURPOSE.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(122 total credit hours)

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

1

### FALL

Intro to Human Development and Family Science  
Composition I\*  
American Government\*  
College Algebra\*  
Science Course\*  
First Year Seminar

16 hrs.

### SPRING

Human Nutrition  
Lifespan of Human Development  
Composition II\*  
Statistics Course\*  
American History\*

16 hrs.

2

### FALL

Conversations in Literature  
Developmental Disabilities  
Foreign Language Course\*  
Applications of Educational Technologies  
Elective Course

17 hrs.

### SPRING

Foundations in Early Childhood Education (ECE)  
Infant and Child Development  
Geometric Structures  
Research Methods  
Biology\*

16 hrs.

3

### FALL

Early Childhood Field Experience I  
Technical Writing  
Mathematical Structures  
Development of Creative Expression, Play  
and Motor Skills  
Infant-Toddler Programming  
Educating Exceptional Learners

15 hrs.

### SPRING

Early Childhood Field Experience II  
Social Development and Social Studies  
Math and Sciences in ECE  
Literacy Development in ECE  
Guidance and Classroom Mgmt for Young Children

14 hrs.

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### FALL

Early Childhood Field Experience III  
Literacy Assessment and Instruction in ECE  
Family, School and Community  
Integrated Curriculum in ECE  
Geography Course

16 hrs.

### SPRING

Early Childhood Education Capstone  
Student Teaching in ECE

12 hrs.

\*Suggested for students seeking concurrent, dual credit or Advanced Placement (AP) course options to apply directly to this degree plan. Refer to the OSU Transfer Credit Guide and Credit By Exam Guide for specific course information online at okstate.edu.

## RELATED MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

Learning and Motivation    ○    Special Education    ○    American Sign Language    ○    Pre-Counseling

*Minors are designed to enhance and complement a major field of study. They are not required, and additional courses may need to be added to the plan above.*

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENT SERVICES

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