



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 degrees in five years.
- Ranked as a Top 10 Early Childhood Education program in the U.S. by BachelorsDegreeCenter.com.

NOTABLE NUMBERS



1,200

1,200 hours of early childhood classroom experience prior to graduation.

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.

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(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.
	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.
	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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