

UMBC Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification Requirements

Undergraduate Program

Candidate:			
Initial GPA:		Campus ID:	
Email:		Phone:	

Advisor:					
Date:		Date:		Date:	
Date:		Date:		Date:	

Content Requirements for ECE Certification: *The early childhood teacher is expected to be able to provide effective instruction in several different content areas. For this reason, there are courses that all teacher candidates are required to take to ensure sufficient content background. When chosen wisely, these courses meet the requirements of the Departments of Education and may meet some of the General Education Program (GEP) of the University as well. They are:*

	Course No.
PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 200 Developmental OR Child Psychology	
Fine arts / Literature (6 credits)	
Two Social Studies Courses (Pref. US History and Geography)	
8 Credits in Math (Math 131 and/or 132 preferred)	
8 Credits in Science (at least on with lab)	

An Academic Major: *Certification in early childhood education licenses teachers to teach children birth through grade 3. Any major may be used towards certification in the program.*

*Candidates need to receive qualifying scores on the **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Education (Core)** only if a 3.0 is not obtained. Candidates must pass [PRAXIS II Early Childhood Tests](#) in order to complete the program and receive certification.*

Professional Education Requirements: *A GPA of 2.75 is required for program entry. A GPA of 3.0 is required for entering internship. Students wishing to attend part time will develop an individual plan with an advisor.*

<u>First Semester (9)</u>		Grade
EDUC 439 (3)	Observation & Assessment in ECE	
EDUC 440 (2)	Field Experience in ECE (Under 5)	
EDUC 441 (3)	Children Literature and Other Materials for Early Literacy	
EDUC 442 (1)	Process Seminar in ECE- Creative Media	
<u>Second Semester (11)</u>		
EDUC 432 (3)	Accommodating Special Needs in ECE	
EDUC 434 (4)	Science Processes in ECE	
EDUC 445 (1)	Field Experience in ECE (Pre-K or K)	
EDUC 446 (3)	Language, Literacy & Intellectual Development of Young Children	
<u>Third Semester (11)</u>		
EDUC 419 (3)	Assessment for Reading Instruction	
EDUC 433 (4)	Math Processes in ECE	
EDUC 447 (3)	Teaching Reading and Writing in ECE	
EDUC 448 (1)	Phase 1 Internship (1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade)	
<u>Fourth Semester (13)</u>		
EDUC 450 (10)	Internship in Student Teaching (Pre-K, K & Primary Grade)	
EDUC 451 (3)	Internship Seminar in Early Childhood	
<u>Total Credits:</u>		44

Semester	Comments
Fall	
Spring	
Fall	
Spring	