

Early Childhood Education Certification Requirements

University of Maryland Baltimore County Department of Education

CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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. If chosen wisely, these courses can meet the requirements of the Department of Education and meet some of the General Foundation Requirements of the University as well. While listed in this section, please note that they could also be listed in the General Foundations section. They are:

PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology

PSYCH 200 Developmental or Child Psychology

Fine arts / literature

Two social studies courses

Two Math courses (preference for Math 131 or 132)

AN ACADEMIC MAJOR

Certification in early childhood education licenses teachers to teach children birth through grade 3.

For this reason, the prospective early childhood teacher must have a broad background. Any major may be used towards certification in the program.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

EDUC 444 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education

EDUC 447 Teaching of Reading and Writing in Early Childhood Education

EDUC 419 Assessment for Reading Instruction

EDUC 443 Math/Science Processes in Early Childhood Education

EDUC 446 Processes and Acquisition of Reading

EDUC 439 Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education

EDUC 442 Creative Media Processes in ECE

EDUC 441 Materials for Teaching Reading

EDUC 440 Field Experience in ECE (children under 5)

EDUC 445 Field Experience in ECE (Pre-K or Kindergarten)

EDUC 448 Field Experience in ECE (1st or 2nd grade)

EDUC 451 Internship Seminar

EDUC 450 Internship (Pre-K and Kindergarten)

EDUC 424 Issues in Early Childhood Education

GENERAL FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

During initial advisement, the teacher candidate should see an education advisor. Certain GFR courses can also be used to meet specific requirements of the Education Certification Program.

- * Three social science courses
- * Three arts and humanities courses
- * Three language and culture courses
(Sign Language or Spanish recommended)
- * A mathematics course
- * Two science courses
(SCI 100 or Environmental Science preferred)