Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

The College of Education creates a supportive climate to help all education majors meet the rigor of teacher education. Early Childhood students have the opportunity to participate in Tomorrow’s Teachers Learning Community which links cohort learning and living opportunities. Students also receive support in preparation for the Missouri General Education Assessment required for admission. We also provide our future educators the tools to learn to use and integrate instructional technology across our curriculum. This program of study is also available at a regional campus (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston). Join our EDvolution of future educators!

Early Childhood Education students will...

- Be certified to teach ages Birth – 3rd grade upon successful completion of this program and licensure exams.
- Add on certification in Elementary Education (Grades 1 – 6).
- Participate in multiple field experiences in local classrooms.
- Integrate technology into the curriculum with our EDvolution one-to-one instructional technology program.
- Have the opportunity for student teaching abroad, including our partnership with Eagles College in Iquique, Chile.
- Have opportunities for leadership in our numerous student organizations.
- Have full-time faculty with experience in the classroom as their primary instructors.

Career Planning

The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students graduating before spring 2017 must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to be recommended for licensure and must pass the relevant Praxis II or Mo Content Exam. Students graduating spring 2017 or later must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in both the area of content expertise and pedagogy courses. In addition, students must pass the Mo Content Exam and the Missouri Preservice Teacher Assessment for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as the Missouri Educator Profile and be cleared through a FBI background check.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
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| CL001/CL002 | First Semester | Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan. |
| CL003 | Junior Year | Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources. |
| CL004 | Senior Year | Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search. |

Education Outlook

- Students secure teaching positions across the state of Missouri, in surrounding states, and beyond.
- Early Childhood graduates with add-on certification in Elementary Education find jobs as preschool, kindergarten, and elementary grade teachers in public or private schools. Graduates may also work in programs such as Parents as Teachers or First Steps.
- Placement rates are high for alumni with more than one certification.
- First year teachers report feeling well prepared by Southeast Missouri State University on our annual survey of first-year teachers.
- Principals also report early childhood graduates are well-prepared as beginning teachers.

EDvolution

All students in the College of Education must rent or purchase an iPad for use during the program.

- Tech for You: become a better student with technology
- Tech for Us: learn how to teach with technology
- Tech for Them: become a better student with technology

Admission Requirements to COE

- Cumulative 2.75 GPA;
- 42 hours of course credits earned;
- Missouri Educator Profile (MEP) results on file;
- ED 280 completed with a grade of “B” or above;
- A minimum grade of “C” in CF/PY120 The Child;
- Score of 220 or higher on all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment.

Field and Clinical Experiences

Early – explore the role of educators before you commit to the degree

Mid-level - early childhood majors do field experiences with infants/toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and elementary aged students; field experiences are connected to education coursework

Student Teaching - semester long, co-teaching capstone experience in an early childhood classroom (PreK – 3rd gr.)

Graduation Requirements

- GPA: 2.75 cumulative; 3.0 professional education; 3.0 GPA professional education courses
- Pass the following Missouri Content Assessments: 064 Early Childhood Education, 007 (English Language Arts subtest), 008 (Mathematics subtest), 009 (Science subtest), 10 (Social Studies subtest), and 011 (Middle School: Language Arts).
- Complete all required course work and field experiences

To explore the College of Education online, visit http://www.semo.edu/education/
## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

“Critical Courses” are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Early Childhood Education students must be admitted to the College of Education prior to enrolling in upper division (300 level or above) education courses.

*(Curriculum pending state approval)*

### Professional Education Courses:

- A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in education courses. A grade of ‘B’ is required in ED 280.
- CE 330 Classroom Management and Environmental Organization (3)
- CE 340 Family School Collaboration (3)
- CE 364 Methods of Teaching Math, Science, Social Studies in EC / EL Ed (3)
- CE 365 Observation, Assessment and Data Analysis in EC / EL Ed (3)
- CE 366 Curriculum, Theory & Program Management in Early Childhood (3)
- CE 370 Language Acquisition of the Young Child (3)
- CE 480 Early Childhood Student Teaching (12)
- CE 530 Foundations of Early Childhood Special Education (3)
- CF 124 Child Health, Nutrition, Safety (3)
- CF 233 Creative Thought & Expression in Children (3)
- CF 285 Learning Theory/Infant Toddlers (3)
- CF 512 Family Community Resources (3)
- ED 280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)
- EF 400 Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- EL 274 Diversity in American Schools (3)
- EL 306 Assistive and Instructional Technology in a Universally Designed Learning Environment (3)
- EL 314 Literacy Field Experience (1)
- EL 315 Emergent and Early Literacy Instruction (3)
- EL 317 Elementary and Middle School Literacy Instruction (3)
- EL 354 Meeting the Needs of Struggling Readers (3)
- EL 355 Literacy in the Content Area (3)
- EL 410 Differentiated Instruction (3)
- EL 430 Advanced Field Experience (3)
- EX 390 Psychology of the Exceptional Child (3)
- MA 128 Numbers and Operations for Educators (4)
- MA 228 Geometry for Educators (4)
- PY/CF 120 The Child (3)
- UI 506 Education Law and Society (3)

### Additional Requirements:

- BS 118 Process Science Elementary Teachers (1)
- BS 218 Biological Science (3)
- CE 101 Economic Problems and Policies (3)
- EN 100 English Composition (3)
- EN 140 Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- LI 243 Children’s Literature (3)
- PH 218 Physical Science (3)
- PS 103 US Political Systems (3)
- SC 105 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
- UI 308 Cultural/Physical Landscapes (3)
- US 105 American History (3)

**NOTE:** All Pre-Education courses are pre-requisites to all Education courses.

### University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

- UI 100

*(Students who score less than 22 on the ACT math subscore must also take MA 018 lab support)*.

- This program includes the course work for add-on certification in Elementary Education (1st – 6th grades).

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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**FIRST YEAR:**

- Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, Complete MEP
- Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, Passing score MoGEOA
- Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, 3.0 GPA in Ed courses
- Milestone: Passing score MO Content Exam and MoPTA; 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA in professional education courses.

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- Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, 3.0 GPA in Ed courses
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- Milestone: Passing score MO Content Exam and MoPTA; 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA in professional education courses.

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