

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education program of study prepares future teachers to work with children in early childhood and elementary school settings. Early Childhood students have the opportunity to participate in Tomorrow's Teachers Learning Community, where they take courses and live in a residential hall with other education majors. Students also receive support in preparation for the Missouri General Education Assessment, which is required for admission to the Educator Preparation Program. We also provide our future educators the tools to learn to use and integrate instructional technology across our curriculum. Join our EDvolution of future educators!



Becoming Career Ready...

- / Students will be certified to teach ages Birth – 3rd grade upon successful completion of this program and licensure exams.
- / Students may choose to add on certification in Elementary Education (Grades 1 – 6).
- / Students integrate technology into the curriculum with the EDvolution one-to-one instructional technology program.
- / Students have the opportunity for student teaching abroad, including our partnership with Eagles College in Iquique, Chile.
- / BS Ed. students have opportunities for leadership in numerous student organizations.
- / Full-time faculty with experience in the classroom are the primary instructors of the curriculum for early childhood education majors.
- / The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students 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 MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.
- / 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. Early Childhood Education students experience this through multiple field experiences in local classrooms. In addition, there are student teaching opportunities abroad.
- / The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to job opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Admission Requirements

- 42 credit hours completed
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- One of the following: 1) Composite/Superscore of 20 or higher on the ACT exam; 2) Passing scores on all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA); or 3) A 4-year degree from an accredited college/university
- The following course requirements met:
 - A grade of C or above in CF/PY120 The Child.
 - A grade of B or above in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession.

Education Outlook

- Early Childhood was the fourth highest teacher shortage area in MO in 2019-2020.
- 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.
- 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 Educator Preparation Programs must 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: use technology in your field experiences

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
- Pass the following Missouri Content Assessments: **064 Early Childhood Education, 007 (English Language Arts subtest), 008 (Mathematics subtest), 009 (Science subtest), and 10 (Social Studies subtest)**
- Complete all required course work and field experiences

Special Options with Early Childhood Education

This program of study is also available at the Regional Campuses (Kennett and Sikeston) and the Poplar Bluff Delivery Site.

Southeast offers a Master of Arts in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

This program could lead to licensure or certification. However, Southeast's program either does not meet, or we cannot determine if it meets, the licensure or certification requirement in all states. Please consult our State Authorization page, Licensure tab, to determine information specific to your state: <https://semo.edu/online/student-resources/stateauth.html>.



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This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

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 Educator Preparation Program prior to enrolling in upper division (300 level or above) education courses.

Professional Education Courses:

A grade of 'C' or better is required in education courses. A grade of 'B' is required in ED 280.

- ___ BS118 Process Science Elementary Teachers (1)
- ___ 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 / EI Ed (2)
- ___ CE 365 Observation, Assessment and Data Analysis in EC / EI Ed (3)
- ___ CE 366 Curriculum, Theory & Program Management in Early Childhood (2)
- ___ CE 368 Early Childhood Field Experience (2)
- ___ 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)
- ___ CF124 Child Health, Nutrition, Safety (3)
- ___ CF213 Family Community Resources (3)
- ___ CF233 Creative Thought & Expression in Children (3)
- ___ CF285 Learning Theory/Infant Toddlers (3)
- ___ **ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession (3)**
- ___ ED 506 Education Law and Society (3)
- ___ EF 400 Student Teaching Seminar (1)
- ___ EL274 Diversity in American Schools (3)
- ___ EL 300 Assistive and Instructional Technology in a Universally Designed Learning Environment (3)
- ___ EL 314 Literacy Field Experience (3)
- ___ EL 316 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)
- ___ EN140 Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- ___ EX 390 Psychology of the Exceptional Child (3)
- ___ LI 243 Children's Literature (3)
- ___ MA128 Numbers and Operations for Educators (4)*
- ___ MA228 Geometry for Educators (4)
- ___ **PY/CF120 The Child (3)**

Additional Requirements:

- ___ BS 218 Biological Science (3)
- ___ EC 101 Economic Problems and Policies (3)
- ___ EN 100 English Composition (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-requisite to all Education courses.

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

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

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

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester		
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs	
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	BS218	3	
	EN100	3	ED280	3	
	BS118	1	EN140	3	
	PS103	3	MA128	4	
	SC105	3	PY/CF120	3	
	US105	3			
	Total	16	Total	16	
Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA					
SECOND YEAR	CF 124	3	CF 213	3	
	EC 101	3	CF 233	3	
	EL 274	3	CF 285	3	
	MA 228	4	LI 243	3	
	PH 218	3	UI 308	3	
		Total	16	Total	15
Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, Passing score MoGEA or ACT					
THIRD YEAR	Literacy Block		Content Block		
	CE 370	3	CE 330	3	
	EL 300	3	CE 364	2	
	EL 314	3	CE 365	3	
	EL 316	3	CE 366	2	
	EL 317	3	CE 368	2	
			EL 355	3	
			EX 390	3	
		Total	15	Total	18
	Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA in Ed courses				
FOURTH YEAR	Advanced Block		Student Teaching Block		
	CE 340	3	CE 480	12	
	CE 530	3	EF 400	1	
	ED 506	3			
	EL 354	3			
	EL 410	3			
	EL 430	3			
	Total	18	Total	13	
Milestone: Passing score MO Content Exams and MEEES; 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA in professional education courses.					

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.