B.A.E. in Early Childhood Education

Description
This degree program prepares candidates to become effective early childhood educators who use innovative and collaborative practices for children with and without disabilities. Opportunities to apply knowledge and skills are embedded in all coursework and practical experiences in a variety of settings with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners. As local, state, and national advocates, graduates will promote the education and wellbeing of young children.

Candidates completing the B.A.Ed. in Early Childhood Education program will be effectively prepared to become professionals in a variety of roles, such as working in classroom settings, managing childcare programs and more, within the field of early childhood education.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124

General Education Requirements

General Education Course Requirements: The core/general education requirements for the B.A.Ed. degree are as follows: 6 hours of English composition (Writ 101 and Writ 102 or Liba 102); 6 hours of English literature; 6 hours of history; 3 hours college algebra or higher; a 3-4 hour biological science course with laboratory; a 3-4 hour physics, astronomy, or physical science II course with laboratory; a 3-4 hour course in geology, chemistry, or physical science I; a 3-hour course in fine arts, one additional 3-hour course in mathematics (MATH 245 or MATH 246), a 3-hour course in geography (GEOG 101), a 3-hour course in sociology or political science. Note: The core requirements are subject to change due to mandates from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) and the Mississippi Department of Education. Therefore, it is important for all students to meet with School of Education advisers in the Student Advising and Field Experience Office for the most recent information on the core.

Course Requirements
Requirements for the B.A.Ed. with a major in early childhood education include:

Core Curriculum (39-42 hours):
- English Composition (6 hours): WRIT 101 (3 hours), WRIT 102 or LIBA 102 (3 hours)
- Social / Behavioral Science (12 hours): SOC or POL (3 hours), HIS (100 level suggested, 3 hours), HIS (100 level suggested, 3 hours), GEOG 101 Introduction to Geography (3 hours)
- Mathematics / Science (12-15 hours): MATH 121 (College Algebra) or higher (3 hours), Physical Science w/ lab (Physics, Astronomy or Physics Science II, 3-4 hours), Biological Science w/ lab (BISC 102/ lab 103 suggested, 3-4 hours), Science Elective (Geology, Chemistry or Physics Science I, 3-4 hours), Humanities / Fine Arts (9 hours)
- English Literature Elective (ENG 200 levels, 3 hours)
- Mathematics / Science (12-15 hours): MATH 121 (College Algebra) or higher (3 hours), Physical Science w/ lab (Physics, Astronomy or Physics Science II, 3-4 hours), Biological Science w/ lab (BISC 102/ lab 103 suggested, 3-4 hours), Science Elective (Geology, Chemistry or Physics Science I, 3-4 hours)
- Language Arts Elective (ENG 200 levels, 3 hours)
- Fine Arts Elective (AH 101, 102, 201, 202; DANC 200; MUS 102, 103; THEA 201, 3 hours)

General Education (12 hours):
- MATH 245 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I -or- MATH 246 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II (3 hours)
- EDEC 323 Special Education for Early Childhood Development (3 hours)
- EDEC 301 Introduction to Early Childhood (3 hours)
- EDEC 324 Early Language and Literacy (3 hours)

Professional Education Requirements (73 hours):
- EDEC 321 Early Childhood Methods (3 hours)
- EDEC 326 Socio-Emotional Competencies (3 hours)
- EDEC 327 Classroom Management & Behavioral Interventions (3 hours)
- EDEC 328 Infant & Toddler Development and Programming (3 hours)
- EDEC 329 Early Language and Literacy (3 hours)
- EDEC 330 Early Childhood Development I (3 hours)
- EDEC 331 Early Childhood Development II (3 hours)
- EDEC 332 Early Childhood Methods (3 hours)
- EDEC 333 Early Childhood Assessment (3 hours)
- EDEC 334 Early Childhood Instruction (3 hours)
- EDEC 335 Early Literacy Instruction I and II (6 hours)
- EDEC 336 Early Childhood Methods (3 hours)
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- EDEC 399 Early Childhood Methods (3 hours)
- EDEC 400 Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Art (STEAM) in Early Childhood Education (3 hours)
- EDEC 401 Integrating Arts into the Curriculum (3 hours)
- PPL 363 Early Childhood Policy in the U.S. (3 hours)
- EDEC 404 Assessment for Early Childhood (3 hours)
- EDIE 463 Student Teaching: Early Childhood (9 hours)

Other Academic Requirements
Note: A minimum grade of C is required in all professional education courses, content courses, and related courses. If this minimum of C is not met, the course(s) must be retaken before enrolling in the next level of professional education courses.

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