EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (MED)

Description

Quality pre-K educators make a lifelong impact on children. Our M.Ed. degree helps teachers, administrators, and others utilize the best practices and latest research related to the cognitive, social, and emotional development of young children. Candidates completing the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education (ECE) program are effectively prepared to become professionals in a variety of roles within the field of early childhood education. Applicants to the M.Ed. in early childhood education may apply to one of two program options: Residential Program or Online Program. The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education allows students to choose between two tracks: Track One: Requires a valid teaching license for admission into the program, and program completion can lead to advanced licensure in Mississippi*. By completing the field experience requirements, candidates admitted to Track 1 will be able to add early childhood education to their license as a content area. Track Two: Does not require a teaching license or field experience requirements and will not lead to licensure.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

Goals/Mission Statement

The philosophy of the Department of Teacher Education, as it applies to the preparation of teachers, is reflected by the belief that teachers should be prepared to - Develop and engage in appropriate teaching strategies by studying, interacting, practicing, and reflecting; Collaborate in identifying and meeting the broad range of goals for which schools are responsible in today's society; Show by modeling and encouraging students the dispositions of leading, thinking, problem solving, and lifelong learning; Respect and serve culturally diverse populations and communities; and Assume responsibility for the quality and effectiveness of their professional lives.

Course Requirements

The M.Ed. degree requires 30 semester hours of course work.

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Track 2: Does *not* require a teaching license or field experience requirements and will not lead to licensure.

*Check with your individual state teacher licensing board if you are an out-of-state student.

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Core (3 Credit Hours)		
EDRS 6050	Introduction to Educational Research	3
Specialization (Total 27 Credit Hours)		
EDEC 6000	Child Development: Prebirth to Age 8	3
EDEC 6010	Lang & Lit Development in Young Child	3
EDEC 6020	Theoretical Found. of Early Child Curr.	3
EDEC 6030	Sci, Tech, Engin & Math (STEM) in ECE	3
EDEC 6040	Function & Theory of Play in ECE	3
EDEC 6050	Integrating Arts in Early Childhood Ed	3
EDEC 6060	Social Contexts in Early Childhood Ed	3
EDEC 6070	Issues & Trends in Early Childhood Ed	3
EDEC 6080	Diverse Needs in Early Childhood Ed	3
Total Hours		**30**