

Suggested Sequence of Early Childhood Required Courses

Courses offered only 1 Semester:

FALL SEMESTER	EDEC 2300	Including Young Diverse Learners [10 hrs. field]
SPRING SEMESTER	EDEC 1640	Children's Music and Movement [teach 4 songs]

1-Year Certificate

Semester 1:

PSY 1100	Human Development (C grade or higher required for graduation)
EDEC 2600	Introduction to Early Childhood Education (B grade or higher is prerequisite in this course for you to enroll in the Practicum later.) [4 observations]
EDEC 2610	Child Guidance (Also a pre- or co-requisite for the Practicum) [20 hrs. field]
EDEL 2200	Computer Technology in Education (Skills used in all courses)

Semester 2:

EDEC 2500	Child Development, Birth-8 [15 hrs. field]
EDEC 2640	Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood [read a story]
EDEC 2620	Early Childhood Curriculum [20 hrs. field]
EDEC 2700	Early Childhood Practicum
EDEC 2720	Early Childhood Assessment (Must be taken in the same semester as EDEC 2700)

Associate of Science Degree

Semester 1:

MATH	At whatever level you test into. Start your math right away because it is often the requirement that delays graduation for our students.
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Semester 2:

EDEC 2500	Child Development, Birth-8 [15 hrs. field]
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Semester 3:

EDEC 2610	Child Guidance (Also a pre- or co-requisite for the Practicum) [20 hrs. field]
EDEC 2620	Early Childhood Curriculum [20 hrs. field]

Semester 4:

EDEC 2700	Early Childhood Practicum
EDEC 2720	Early Childhood Assessment (Must be taken in the same semester as EDEC 2700)

Field Hours: [Indicated in Brackets] You may use an early childhood work setting to fill your field hours, or you may overlap your field hours in one setting completing more than one set of field assignments; i.e., Semester 3 in an A.S. Program you would only be in the field 20 hours but would complete the field assignments for both ECED 2610 and EDEC 2620.

Proposed Schedule of Early Childhood Courses

Fall '08

	M	T	W	R	F
9:00 AM	EDEC 2500	EDEC2640	EDEC 2500	EDEC2640	EDEC 2500
10:00 AM					
11:00	EDEC 2610		EDEC 2610		EDEC 2610
12:00 PM					
1:00 PM		EDEC 2300		EDEC 2300	
2:00 PM	EDEC 2620	EDEC 2600	EDEC 2620	EDEC 2600	EDEC 2620
3:00 PM					
4:00 PM		EDEC 2640	EDEC 2600	EDEC 2610	
5:00 PM					
6:00 PM					

Spring '09

	M	T	W	R	F
9:00 AM		EDEC2640		EDEC2640	
10:00 AM					
11:00	EDEC 2610	EDEC 2600	EDEC 2610	EDEC 2600	EDEC 2610
12:00 PM	EDEC 2500	EDEC 1640	EDEC 2500	EDEC 1640	EDEC 2500
1:00 PM					
2:00 PM					
3:00 PM					
4:00 PM		EDEC 2620	EDEC 2500	EDEC 2640	
5:00 PM					
6:00 PM					

Dual License Elementary Education B.S. Degree

Use your Early Childhood courses as the electives and do your best to follow the suggest sequence. EDSP 3400 required for Elementary Education substitutes for EDEC 2300. Plan to have completed EDEC 3620 Curriculum Foundations for Preprimary and EDEC 3800 Assessment for Preprimary which are your early childhood practicum courses taken the same semester before you enter the Elementary Education B.S. Program. If this doesn't work for you, you have three semesters that precede your student teaching to complete this requirement. It **can** be done during your program if you are not in a 10 o'clock cohort. Your fellow students suggest you take EDEC 2620 prior to EDEC 3620 even though it is not required so you enter your practicum knowing how to write learning plans.

Nice to Know Miscellaneous Information

Pre-Practicum Requirements:

- **Registration:** Meet with Shaunna Requilman in EB 114A. She will help you select a section (time slot) and clear you to complete your registration on the computer
- **First Aid/CPR certification:** This is required to work in the field so we require this certification to be current before you begin working with children in our preschool. CCR&R (863-8220) can help you find a class that is convenient for you.
- **Food handler's permit:** A current permit is required so you can help prepare the snacks.
- **Background Check:** This is done just prior to the practicum experience and has a total fee of \$25 for fingerprinting and the BCI screening.

Portfolio review

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) requires portfolio assessment of all teacher candidates. Therefore, all early childhood courses require portfolio reflection of at least two or three of the NAEYC Early Childhood Teacher Education Standards.

NAEYC Standard	Description	Curriculum	Music (A.S. Elective)	Diverse Learners	Birth to 8	Introduction to ECE	Child Guidance	Literacy	Assessment & Practicum
1	Promoting child development and learning				✓		✓		✓
2	Building family and community relationships						✓		✓
3	Observing, documenting, and assessing to support young children and families				✓	✓			✓
4	Teaching and Learning								
4a	Connecting with children and families			✓					✓
4b	Using developmentally effective approaches	✓	✓						✓
4c	Understanding content knowledge in early education	✓						✓	✓
4d	Building meaningful curriculum	✓						✓	✓
5	Becoming a professional					✓			✓

Q-Sort Reflection

Upon entry into our program we ask you to reflect on your beliefs about teaching using three Q-sorts developed at the University of Virginia. We ask you to repeat the sorts as you exit our program and reflect on the experiences that may have brought about changes in your beliefs over time. We use your reflections to evaluate our Early Childhood Education Program and to inform improvements.