

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR WITH DUAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD (P–3) AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K– 6), B.A.

This major prepares educators to work with children from preschool through grade six. Students who complete this program will be eligible for the New Jersey Preschool through Grade Three and the Elementary Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing. Candidates for this certification must also complete a liberal arts major within the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences:

Art (<http://www.njcu.edu/art/concentrations-art/#Art%20Teacher%20Certification>), Biology (<http://www.njcu.edu/biology/programs/teaching-certificate>), Chemistry (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/chemistry>), Computer Science (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/computer-science>), English (<http://www.njcu.edu/academics/english-undergraduate>), Earth and Environmental Sciences (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/earth-environmental-sciences>), History (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/history>), Mathematics (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/mathematics>), Media Arts (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/media-arts>), Music (<http://www.njcu.edu/music-dance-and-theater/bachelor-arts-music>), Philosophy (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/philosophy-religion>), Physics (<http://www.njcu.edu/physics/ba-teacher-certification>), Political Science (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/political-science>), Psychology (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/psychology>), Sociology (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/sociology-anthropology>), Spanish (<http://www.njcu.edu/modern-language/ba-spanish-teacher-certification>) or Women's and Gender Studies (<http://www.njcu.edu/department/womens-and-gender-studies>)

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THIS CONCENTRATION ARE:

- A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0.
- A minimum of B- or better on all education courses
- Passing scores on the Praxis CORE, **or** 560 verbal, 540 Math on the SAT, **or** 23 or higher on the ACT, **or** 155 verbal, 156 quantitative on the GRE.

Passing scores on the Praxis CORE Academic Skills for Educators Tests, as of 9/1/15:

- Math Test#5732 Passing Score 150
- Reading Test#5712 Passing Score 156
- Writing Test#5722 Passing Score 162

For more information on Praxis exams: <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nj/requirements>

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF THIS DEGREE TRACK ARE:

- Completion of NJCU General Education requirements or equivalent
- Passing scores on appropriate Praxis II Exam
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Successful completion of clinical experience and clinical practice

This includes successful submission of the performance assessment, edTPA, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Note: For the most updated information on this teaching certification program, students are directed to contact the College of Education as changes may have occurred since publication.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
ECE 212	Human Development: Prenatal through Adolescence	3
or PSYC 150	Developmental: Birth Through Adolescence	
BIOL 225	Human Sexual Biology	3
WGST 110	Diversity and Difference: Identities, Communities, and Cultures	3
MATH 215	Problem Solving in Mathematics	3
Phase I Requirements¹		
ECE 200	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 210	Young Children's Development Behavior & Learning	3
ECE 225	Professional Dispositions in Urban Early Childhood Education	1
LTED 270	Emerging Literacy at Home & School	3
SPEC 250	Psychological & Educational Needs of the Exceptional Child	3
Phase II Requirements:²		
ECE 305	Math, Science and Technology in Early Childhood Education	2
ECE 350	Early Childhood Integrated Curriculum	3
Phase III Requirements²		
ECE 331	ECE Clinical Practice I	2
EDU 361	Elementary Social Studies Methods	2
EDU 362	Elementary Science Methods	2
EDU 363	Elementary Math Methods	2
ECE 460	Working with Families of Young Children	3
LTED 360	Elementary Reading & Language Workshop	2
Phase IV Requirements³		
ECE 1480	ECE Clinical Practice II	8
ECE 475	Reflecting on Knowledge & Practice	2
ECE 400	Classroom Management, Classroom Behavior and Positive Behavior Supports	3
Total Credits:		74

¹ Students may take up to 6 credits in Phase I prior to passing the Praxis CORE.

² Satisfactory completion of Phase I; passing score on the Praxis CORE (unless exempt)

³ Students must pass the Early Childhood Content Knowledge Praxis II (5025) and the Elementary Education Praxis (5001) prior to Phase III.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Semester 1		
ENGL 101 or ESL 101	English Composition I or English Composition I for English as a Second Language Students	4
INTD 101	Orientation to College <small>First time freshman only</small>	1
MATH 114	Contemporary Mathematics	3
WGST 110	Diversity and Difference: Identities, Communities, and Cultures	3
General Education Tier II Course		3
Credits		14
Semester 2		
ENGL 102 or ESL 102	English Composition II or English Composition II for English as a Second Language Students	4
MATH 215	Problem Solving in Mathematics	3
BIOL 224 or BIOL 225	The Human Body or Human Sexual Biology	3
ECE 212	Human Development: Prenatal through Adolescence	3
Elective Course		3
Credits		16
Sophomore		
Semester 1		
General Education Tier II Course		3
General Education Tier II Course		3
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
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Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
ECE 200	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
SPEC 250	Psychological & Educational Needs of the Exceptional Child	3
General Education Tier III Capstone Course		3
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Credits		15
Junior		
Semester 1		
ECE 225	Professional Dispositions in Urban Early Childhood Education	1
LTED 270	Emerging Literacy at Home & School	3
ECE 210	Young Children's Development Behavior & Learning	3
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
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Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Credits		16
Semester 2		
LTED 360	Elementary Reading & Language Workshop	2
EDU 362	Elementary Science Methods	2

EDU 361	Elementary Social Studies Methods	2
Elective Course		2
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Liberal Arts Major Course		3
Credits		17
Senior		
Semester 1		
ECE 305	Math, Science and Technology in Early Childhood Education	2
ECE 331	ECE Clinical Practice I	2
ECE 350	Early Childhood Integrated Curriculum	3
ECE 460	Working with Families of Young Children	3
EDU 363	Elementary Math Methods	2
Liberal Arts Major		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
ECE 1480	ECE Clinical Practice II	8
ECE 400	Classroom Management, Classroom Behavior and Positive Behavior Supports	3
ECE 475	Reflecting on Knowledge & Practice	2
Elective Course		3
Credits		16
Total Credits		124

*Education majors are exempt from 9 GE credits in Tier 2 as a dual major with required courses in other subjects.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education program, students will be able to:

1. Our candidates demonstrate mastery of the subject matter they plan to teach.
2. Our candidates demonstrate their pedagogical knowledge, integrating their understanding of their pupils' developmental levels, individual differences, learning exceptionalities, and sociocultural backgrounds.
3. Our candidates demonstrate effective instruction, caring behavior, and reflection to improve practice.
4. Our candidates know and value how individuals are shaped by their life experiences as mediated by factors such as social class, gender, race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, age, and social needs. Our candidates know, value, and engage in culturally responsive teaching to promote social justice, particularly in our urban areas.
5. Our candidates are able to use appropriate technology in carrying out their professional responsibilities.