

Application Procedures

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Application Deadlines

New cohort Fall of every even year

Apply by January 15 (even years)

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PK-3 Certificate Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education (PK-3)



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CERTIFICATE

Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education (PK–3)

Description of Program

The PK-3 Certificate program is a 15-credit graduate certificate program focusing on preschool through 3rd grade (PK-3) education. The certificate provides a foundation for related field educators to develop expertise and become informed about the developmental and educational needs of children 3-8 years old and their families. For teachers with an initial license in K-6, the certificate allows teachers to add a PK-3 field to their initial teacher license.

Special Features of the Program

PK-3 Certificate Program Features:

- **Collegial:** Cohorted coursework creates a sense of community (complete in 2 years)
- **Accessible:** Hybrid offerings enable access statewide throughout the academic year
- **Recognized:** Successful concurrent completion of PK-3 Certificate together with CS PK-3 MEd prepares teachers to add a PK-3 field to an initial license
- **Aligned:** Addresses content included in NBPTS Certification for Generalist Early Childhood Education (PK-3) and NAEYC Professional Standards
- **Articulated:** Can be completed alone or concurrently with a CS PK-3 MEd
- **Affordable:** Qualifies for community based & College of Education ECE scholarships

Coursework

Program of Study includes 15 credits

Mandatory Courses:

- EDSC 415 – Early Childhood: Foundations and Curriculum
- EDEP 664 – Instructional Psychology
- EDSC 617 – Early Literacy and Language Development
- EDSC 622B – Development and Improvement of Curriculum in Early Childhood Education
- EDSC 656 – Seminar in Issues in Early Childhood Education

Capstone

Professional Portfolio addressing NAEYC / NBPTS Professional Standards

Admissions Requirements

- Successful completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in last two years
- TOEFL if applicable
- Completed application
- Strong evidence of experience, academic ability and character to carry out graduate work
- 1 year successful experience in PK-3 teaching
- Access to a PK-3 classroom
- Laptop computer and internet access