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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Education initial licensure program is designed to prepare inquiring, analytical, and reflective professional educators who can teach in the classroom and lead in the schools. Included in the program is preparation on understanding student learning, working with diverse learners, developing a variety of instructional strategies, creating positive learning environments, and preparing for a collaborative, professional relationship with colleagues and families.

Students enter a program integrating educational theory with classroom practice. Student teaching experiences require the creation of a strong base in which to apply the principles and methods learned in college classes. Beginning with Foundations of Education students will participate in over 200 hours of field experience prior to their student teaching experience. Throughout their student teaching, prospective teachers work closely with experienced teachers and clinical supervisors observing firsthand the daily rewards and pressures of their profession. Upon successful completion of program requirements and state mandated testing, students are recommended for state licensure for Pre-K through 3rd Grade.

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Child Care Workers
- Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers
- Teacher Aides
- Instructional Coordinators
- Elementary School Teachers
- Home Health Aides
- Recreation Attendants
- Residential Counselors
- Social And Human Services Assistants

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Public and Private Schools
- Government Educational Services
- Private Educational Services
- Religious Organizations
- Child Daycare Services
- Social Services
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Private Businesses

School of Education Graduation Requirements:
- 124 credit hours
- 2.5 cumulative GPA

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