

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: NO CERTIFICATION (BA)

Program Description

Although this major does not result in Residency Certification, selecting the major only route will prepare students with content and instructional strategies to work in early childhood systems.

The highlight of the major is the practicum experience, which will provide comprehensive experiences in early learning centers. The practicum is set up in collaboration with an Early Childhood Education advisor.

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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99 Credits Minimum, Including 48 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Early Childhood Education Core		
ECE 3100	Early Learning for Children with Disabilities	3
ECE 3200	Creativity and Play in Early Learning	5
ECE 3300	Language Development and Early Literacy	3
ECE 3400	Guidance of Young Children	3
ECE 3500	Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3

ECE 3600	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 3700	STEM for Early Learning	3
ECE 4899	Early Childhood Elementary Education Capstone	2
EDRD 3516	Children's Literature	3
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	22
FCS 3280	Children and Families	5
HHP 1301	Wellness and Physical Activity	3
MAT 1560	Numerical Reasoning	4
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	5
PSY 3460	Child Developmental Psychology	5
Section Credits Required		72
Foundations Quarter		
ECE 2100	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	5
EDU 2300	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Education	3
Section Credits Required		8
Methods Courses		
ECE 4300	Language, Literacy and Social Studies Methods	3
ECE 4700	STEM for Early Learning Methods I	2
ECE 4750	STEM for Early Learning Methods II	3
EDU 3205	Elementary General Methods I: Planning for Instruction and Classroom Management	3
EDU 4205	General Methods II: Supporting Multilingual Learners in the General Education Classroom	3
HHP 3510	Teaching Physical Education	5
Section Credits Required		19
Total Credits		99

Suggested Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Autumn		
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	5
Credits		5
Winter		
MAT 1560	Numerical Reasoning	4
Credits		4
Spring		
HHP 1301	Wellness and Physical Activity	3
Credits		3
Second Year		
Autumn		
ECE 2100	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	5
Credits		5
Winter		
EDU 2300	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Education	3
Credits		3
Third Year		
Autumn		
ECE 3100	Early Learning for Children with Disabilities	3
EDRD 3516	Children's Literature	3
Credits		6
Winter		
ECE 3200	Creativity and Play in Early Learning	5
ECE 3300	Language Development and Early Literacy	3
ECE 3400	Guidance of Young Children	3

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PSY 3460	Child Developmental Psychology	5
Credits		16
Spring		
FCS 3280	Children and Families	5
ECE 3500	Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 3600	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 3700	STEM for Early Learning	3
Credits		14
Fourth Year		
Autumn		
EDU 3205	Elementary General Methods I: Planning for Instruction and Classroom Management	3
HHP 3510	Teaching Physical Education	5
ECE 4300	Language, Literacy and Social Studies Methods	3
ECE 4700	STEM for Early Learning Methods I	2
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	2
Credits		15
Winter		
EDU 4205	General Methods II: Supporting Multilingual Learners in the General Education Classroom	3
ECE 4750	STEM for Early Learning Methods II	3
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	10
Credits		16
Spring		
EDU 4930	Education Practicum	10
ECE 4899	Early Childhood Elementary Education Capstone	2
Credits		12
Total Credits		99

The major will fulfill WKSS, CUE, and W requirements. Be sure to fulfill Foreign Language, Common Curriculum (UCOL, WRI, UCOR and UFDN), and remaining Exploratory Curriculum Requirements (WE, WKA, WKH, WKFS, WKAS, and WKQR).