

Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education



Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

Bring big dreams. Shape little minds.

Gain the skills you need to help children put their best foot forward at any early age with a Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education. Our initial licensure degree program, designed for students without prior teaching experience, will help prepare you to shape the academic, social and cognitive skills of children in pre-K through grade 3.

In this BSEd program, you'll learn to:

- Create lesson plans that utilize research-based teaching strategies for early childhood
- Design and implement effective instruction in preschool or early childhood classroom settings
- Meet the educational needs of diverse pre-K and early childhood student populations
- Assess children through observation, interactions and other performance measures
- Meet the needs of students through field experience and student teaching

Teachers often have a special "it factor," an intrinsic desire to make a difference in the lives of students. Our courses help you explore and define your goals into your own personal educational philosophy. We'll help you build your foundation — so you can help young people build theirs.

Support for every step

Wondering how you'll do it all? We've got you covered. You can complete your coursework in four years. You'll take just one course at a time, and most are only 5 weeks long so you can balance school with life.

Plus, you'll find plenty of support from our dedicated program support specialists who partner with you during your 100 required hours of clinical experience and clinical practice (student teaching). Our program support specialists also help you navigate the world of [state licensure requirements](#) and answer any questions or obstacles you encounter along the way.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education program, you'll discover:

Licensure support

You're not in this alone. Our program support specialists can help you navigate teacher licensure and credentialing requirements.

Transferability

You can waive up to 21 credits toward your degree if you've earned your Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

District partnerships

We'll help you with school placements for your clinical experience and clinical practice through our close partnerships with hundreds of school districts nationwide.

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Projected job growth:

10%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for preschool teachers is projected to be 10percent between 2016 and 2026. A Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education degree can help prepare you to be an:

- Early childhood teacher
- Head Start teacher
- Pre-kindergarten teacher
- Preschool teacher
- Kindergarten teacher

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your resumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It's all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students who graduate from the College of Education should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education degree, you should be able to perform these [learning outcomes](#).

Program purpose statement

The Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood is an undergraduate degree program intended to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The program is designed for students who want to work with children from pre-K through grade 3 or age 8 as a licensed early childhood educator. The program includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and student teaching above and beyond program coursework.

As licensure requirements may vary by state, it is the student's responsibility to ascertain and meet licensure requirements in any state in which the student desires to practice and to contact the applicable state educator licensure agency to verify current requirements to become a licensed teacher. There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a teacher with any local, state or federal entity.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance the University meets quality standards.

Institutional accreditation

Regional accreditation is an institution-level accreditation status granted by one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies. Accreditation by more than one regional accrediting body is not permitted by the U.S. Department of Education.

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

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5 weeks

Total credits required:

120

Max. number of transfer credits:

90

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this program. These may be earned from a combination of required and elective courses. Required courses may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits. [View general requirements](#)

Transfer credits

Earn your degree faster. [Transfer eligible college credits](#) or apply to [have relevant experience evaluated](#) for potential college credit. Contact an enrollment representative at 844.YES.UOPX for more information.

Clinical practice

During your clinical practice experience — one of the final steps to prepare you to pursue employment in the teaching field — you'll apply your instruction and classroom management skills full time. Working under the supervision of a teacher and a University of Phoenix faculty advisor, you'll develop lesson plans, teach, work with diverse student populations and incorporate technology into the classroom.

Teacher licensure

A Bachelor of Science in Education/Early Childhood Education can help students with no prior teaching experience prepare for initial teacher licensure. As licensure requirements may vary by state, it's your responsibility to learn and meet licensure requirements in any state where you desire to practice.

[View requirements for teacher licensure for your state.](#)

Core courses

- ECH211: Instructional Strategies For Early Childhood Education
- ECH400: Assessment And Evaluation In Early Childhood
- ECH205: Early Childhood Growth And Development
- ECH300: Orientation To Early Childhood Education
- ECH301: Foundations Of Early Childhood Education
- ECH390: Early Childhood Student Teaching Seminar
- ECH321: Developmentally-effective Learning Environments
- SEI300: Structured English Immersion
- ECH418: Community And Family Engagement
- RDG416: Methods Of Teaching In Early Childhood Language And Literacy
- GEN127: University Studies For Success
- SEI301: Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods
- ECH430: Methods Of Teaching In Early Childhood: Social Studies
- ECH435: Methods Of Teaching In Early Childhood: Arts And Music
- GEN201: Foundations For University Success
- ECH416: Methods Of Teaching In Early Childhood: Mathematics
- ECH302: Exceptionalities Of The Young Child
- ECH499: Early Childhood Student Teaching (k Through Age 8/grade 3)
- ECH420: Methods Of Teaching In Early Childhood: Science
- ECH498: Early Childhood Student Teaching (birth-preschool)
- EDU215: Ethics And Social Responsibility In Education
- RDG351: Early Childhood Literacy Development

The following programs — BSEd/E, BSEd/ECH, BSLS, MAEd/TED-E, MAEd/TED-S and MAEd/SPE — provide the academic preparation required by most states to sit for initial teacher certification exams.

Residents of Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, Oregon, Puerto Rico and Texas: This is an Arizona-based program. As an out-of-state-prepared candidate for initial teacher licensure, your state requires you to obtain Arizona certification first prior to seeking licensure in your home state.

For more information on licensure requirements, application materials and website information for your state's board or department of education, click on your state in the link below: <http://www.phoenix.edu/colleges/college-of-education/teacher-licensure/state-requirements.html>.

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.