

Early Childhood Education: BSED PK-4 Education

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ECED110 Child Dev Birth to Early Adolescence*	3	SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities* (Citizenship and Responsibility-Citizenship (S))	3
ECED120 Intro to Early Childhood Ed* (Stage 1 Field Experience)	3	General Education (Natural World (N))	3
HIGHLY SUGGEST MATH110 Concepts of Arithmetic and Number Systems (Foundations-Quantitative (Q)) or any other MATH course approved for (Foundations- Quantitative (Q))	3	HIGHLY SUGGEST MATH113 Concepts of Geometry and Statistics (MATH) (Citizenship & Responsibility- Critical Reasoning (R)) OR MATH 101 LEVEL OR ABOVE <small>*Any MATH101 level or above. Note: If this course does not meet Citizenship & Responsibility- Critical Reasoning (R), the Critical Reasoning requirement must be met elsewhere, as noted in the suggested program map under semester 5.*</small>	3
WRIT103 English Composition (ENGL) (Foundations-Writing (W))	3	ENGLxxx Any English Literature Gen Ed. Course (ENGL) (Creativity and Expression-Literature (L))	3
FYS100 First Year Seminar (Foundations – 1 st seminar (U))	3	General Education – (Foundations – History (H))	3
Semester 1 Term Total	15	Semester 2 Term Total	15

Second Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ECED220 Emerging Literacy B-PK* (Stage 2 B-PK Field Experience)	3	ECED204 Current & Emerging Early Learning Technologies* (Natural World & Technology-Technologies (T))	3
ECED230 Emerging Math, Science, & Social Studies* (Stage 2 B-K Field Experience)	3	ECED250 Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education PK-4* (Interconnections-Diversity (D))	3
ECED240 Language Development* OR an Educational Elective OR an Elective	3	CHLS244 Play, Creativity, and Expressive Arts* (Creativity & Expression-Creativity (C))	3
HLTH211 Methods and Materials in PreK and Elementary School Health and Physical Education* OR HLPE245 Health and Physical Education for PreK-4 Classroom Teachers*	3	CHLS245 Child, Family, & Community Engagement* (Interconnections-Global Perspectives (GP))	3
SPEC220 Data-Driven Interventions for Individuals with Exceptionalities*	3	HIGHLY SUGGEST PLAY329 Teacher/Professional as Performer* (Foundations – Oral Communication (O)) or any other (Foundations – Oral Communication (O))	3
Semester 3 Term Total	15	Semester 4 Term Total	15

Third Year			
Fall Courses**	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Education Elective, Minor Related Course or Free Elective (Or Critical Reasoning (R) if not completed already)	3	ECED330 Primary Reading & Writing PK-4*/**	3
ECED320 Classroom Management & Child Guidance PK-4*/** (Stage 2 Field Experience)	3	ECED340 Assessment PK-4*/**	3
SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities*	3	ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity OR any ELLXXX course approved for (Interconnections – Diversity (D))*	3
EDUC222 Principles & Structures of Teaching PK-12*	3	Education Elective, Minor Related Course, or Free Elective	3
General Education (Natural World (N))	3	EDUC334 Connecting Research & Classroom Practice*	3
Semester 5 Term Total	15	Semester 6 Term Total	15

Fourth Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses (Student Teaching Semester)	Credits
ECED410 Language Arts Methods Grades 1-4*/**	3	ECED480 Student Teaching I*/** (Stage 4 Field Experience) COREQUISITE ECED489	6
ECED420 Social Studies Methods Grades 1-4*/**	3	ECED482 Student Teaching II*/** (Stage 4 Field Experience) COREQUISITE ECED489	6
ECED430 Math Methods Grades 1-4*/**	3	ECED489 Student Teaching Seminar*/** COREQUISITE ECED480/482	3
ECED440 Science Methods Grades 1-4*/**	3		
ECED450 Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience*/** (Stage 3 Field Experience)	3		
Semester 7 Term Total	15	Semester 8 Term Total	15

Curriculum Checklist

Required Education Courses (75 credits)

- ECED110 Child Development Birth to Early Adolescence**
- ECED120 Intro to Early Childhood Education** (Stage 1 Field Experience)
- ECED220 Emerging Literacy Birth-PK* (Stage 2 B-PK Field Experience)
- ECED230 Emerging Math, Science, and Social Studies** (Stage 2 B-PK Field Experience)
- ECED240 Language Development* OR an Educational Elective OR an Elective
- ECED320 Classroom Mgmt & Child Guidance PreK-Grade 4*/**/** * (Stage 2 Grades K-4 Field Exp)
- ECED330 Primary Reading & Writing K-Grade 4*/**/** **
- ECED340 Assessment PreK-Grade 4*/**/** **
- ECED410 Language Arts Methods Grades 1-4*/**/** **
- ECED420 Social Studies Methods Grades 1-4*/**/** **
- ECED430 Math Methods Grades 1-4*/**/** **
- ECED440 Science Methods Grades 1-4*/**/** **
- ECED450 Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience*/**/** ** (Stage 3 Field Experience)
- ECED480 Student Teaching I*/**/** ** (Stage 4 Field Experience) (6 cr)
- ECED482 Student Teaching II*/**/** ** (Stage 4 Field Experience) (6 cr)
- ECED489 Student Teaching Seminar*/**/** **
- SPEC220 Data-Driven Interventions for Individuals with Exceptionalities**
- SPEC330 Methods of Instruction for Individuals with Exceptionalities*/**
- EDUC222 Principles and Structures of Teaching in PK-12**
- EDUC334 Connecting Research and Classroom Practice*/**
- HLTH211 Methods and Materials in PreK and Elementary School Health & Physical Education**
- OR HLPE245 Health and Physical Education for PreK-4 Classroom Teachers**

Electives

- Education Elective, Minor Related Course or Free Elective (Or Critical Reasoning (R) if not completed already)
- Educational Elective, Minor Related Course or Free Elective

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

** Grade of C- or above required for these courses

*** Candidacy - If special PDE exception requirements are met. See advisor for details.

- 3.0 or higher and meeting all other requirements.
- 2.8 or higher and meeting basic skills, SAT, and/or ACT minimum and meeting all other requirements.
- 2.8 or higher and not meeting minimum basic skills, SAT, and/or ACT but approved via the 10% ruling and meeting all other requirements.

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - FYS100 First Year Seminar
 - MATH110 Concepts of Arithmetic and Number Systems (Quantitative) or any other MATH course approved for (Foundations- Quantitative (Q))
 - WRIT103 Composition (Writing)
 - PLAY329 Teacher as Performer */** or Comm (Oral Communication)
 - General Education (History)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - ECED250 Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education PK-Grade 4** (Diversity)
 - ELL320 Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity*/** (Diversity)
 - CHLS245 Child, Family, and Communication Engagement** (Global Perspectives)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - SPEC110 Intro to Individuals with Exceptionalities** (Citizenship)
 - MATH113 (Critical Reasoning) OR MATH 101 LEVEL OR ABOVE Note: If this course does not meet Citizenship & Responsibility- Critical Reasoning (R), the Critical Reasoning requirement must be met elsewhere, as noted in the suggested program map under semester 5.**
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - ECED204 Current and Emergent Early Learning Technologies** (Technologies)
 - General Education (Natural World)
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- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - CHLS244 Play, Creativity, and Expressive Arts** (Creativity)
 - ENGLxxx English Literature (Literature)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits (a minimum of 42 credits must be advanced coursework), complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements. There is a PDE GPA minimum requirement for certification.

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