

Educational Studies BES, Early Childhood Emphasis

The Bachelor of Educational Studies (BES) is perfect for students excited about education, but looking for challenges outside the traditional classroom. The BES will prepare you for a career as an educator in many agencies. Many institutions emphasize informal learning and many different settings. Employers at these institutions are eager to hire people who have training and relevant experience in education, management, marketing, and technology. This degree is designed to be a creative, flexible, and inter-disciplinary bachelor's degree that emphasizes practical skills in multiple settings.

General Education Requirements

Students follow the University's General Education Requirements, Mathematical Skills, Advanced Expository Writing, American History and Government, and Cultural Diversity Requirements. Students pursuing the Exercise Science emphasis area must take BIOL 1012 and BIOL 1013.

Foundations (Required Courses)

TCH ED 1001	Early Clinical Experience: Community Agency	1
TCH ED 2000	Becoming a Professional Educator	1
EDUC 2002	Social Entrepreneurship	3
CNS ED 2030	Cultural Diversity and Social Advocacy	3
EDUC 2222	Interpretation: Connecting Audiences and Meaning	3
ED PSY 2212	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PHY ED 2136	Facilities Management	3
EDUC 3170	Grant Proposal Writing for Educators	3
CNS ED 3200	Interpersonal Skills in Helping Relationships	3
ED FND 3251	Black Americans in Education	3
MKTG 3721	Introduction to Digital Marketing Strategies	3
ED TECH 4302	Educational Technology Instruction in Educational Agencies	3
Total Hours		32

Emphasis Area Requirements

Required Courses

ECH ED 3302	Introduction to Inclusive Early Childhood Education	3
ECH ED 3303	Curriculum and Practice Laboratory: Infant/Toddler	1
ECH ED 3304	Curriculum and Practice Laboratory: Preschool	1
ECH ED 3313	Curriculum and Practice: Infant/Toddler	2

ECH ED 3314	Curriculum and Practice: Preschool Education	2
ECH ED 3332	Literacy, Learning, and Instruction For The Young Child	3
ECH ED 3350	Family and Professional Partnerships within School/Community	3
ECH ED 4317	Implementation, Evaluation, and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3
SPEC ED 3318	Inclusive Classrooms	3
Total Hours		21

Clinical Experiences

EDUC 4989	Internship I	1
EDUC 4990	Internship II	6
EDUC 4991	Internship III	6

Suggested Courses

MEDIA ST 2211	Introduction to Digital Multimedia Production	3
MEDIA ST 2222	Convergence and Digital Media	3
MGMT 3600	Management and Organizational Behavior	3
or SOC 3600	Management and Organizational Behavior	
SOC WK 2000	Social Work and Social Issues	3
HLTH PE 3380	Introduction to Nutrition for Health and Performance	3
Total Hours		15

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Engage their clients while adding diverse perspectives that articulate how difference shapes experience and human identity.
- Apply their unique understanding of social justice by addressing institutional and social barriers that limit access, equity, and achievement.
- Conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner that views failure as an opportunity to learn, as they effectively work on multiple projects.
- Apply reasoning and critical thinking while making connections between information, data, and arguments to synthesize and interpret information, forming valid conclusions.
- Apply unique leadership, management and communication skills to articulate thoughts/ideas effectively using oral, written, nonverbal, and visual communication skills in a variety of formats and contexts.
- Apply knowledge and skills as innovative childhood educators, managers, directors, program planners, or curriculum developers to effectively manage early childhood programs.
- Demonstrate a unique application of best practices of teaching young children outside a traditional classroom setting.

Sample Four Year Plan

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
TCH ED 1000		1 HIST 1001 or 1002	3
ENGL 1100		3 ED TECH 2230	3
COMM 1040		3 EXPLORE - Humanities and Fine Arts	3
MATH 1020 or 1030		3 EXPLORE - Social Sciences	3
EXPLORE - Social Sciences		3 EXPLORE - Math and Sciences	3
EXPLORE - Humanities and Fine Arts		3	
	16		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ED PSY 2212		3 EDUC 2002	3
CNS ED 3200		3 ECH ED 3302	3
TCH ED 1001		1 ECH ED 3303	1
TCH ED 2000		1 ECH ED 3313	2
EXPLORE - Humanities and Fine Arts		3 ECH ED 3332	3
EXPLORE - Math and Sciences		3 EXPLORE - Math and Sciences	3
	14		15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ED FND 3251		3 PHY ED 2136	3
ED TECH 4302		3 EDUC 3170	3
ENGL 3100		3 CNS ED 2030	3
ECH ED 3304		1 BES Elective	3
ECH ED 3314		2 BES Elective	3
ECH ED 3350		3	
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ECH ED 4317		3 EDUC 4990	6
EDUC 4989		3 EDUC 4991	6
EDUC 2222		3 BES Elective	3
MKTG 3721		3	
SPEC ED 3318		3	
	15		15

Total Hours: 120

PLEASE NOTE: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor. All requirements are subject to change.