

Bachelor's in Early Care and Education (BECE)

**Department of Curriculum and Instruction/Department of Special Education
Information Sheet**

NOTE: The BECE is a joint degree program offered by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (DCI) and the Department of Special Education (SPED). The BECE degree is designed to prepare preschool teachers and related personnel for employment in the fields of child care and children's services, working with young children from birth to age five. The BECE degree requires 60 credits beyond the AA or completion of General Education Core Requirements.

Accreditation Standards for the BECE The BECE program is reflective of the highest professional standards, promulgated by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Council for Exceptional Children Division for Early Childhood (DEC).

College of Education Core Courses

- LAE 4353 Language Arts: Birth-Grade 8
- EDF 3430 Ed. Measurement & Evaluation
- TSL 4080 Introduction to TESOL
- RED 4308 Reading Development 1 Birth-Grade 3

BECE Core Courses

- EEX 3201 Typical/Atypical Development Birth-Grade 8
- EEC 3214 Designing/Implementing Blended Curriculum Birth-Grade 8
- EEX 3226 Assessment of All Young Children
- EEX 3754 Family, School, Comm. Partnerships
- EEX 3603 Positive Behavior Support
- EEX 4112 Language Development & Intervention
- EEC 4313 Blended Methods ECE/ECSE

BECE Program Electives

(select 12 credits from at least two areas identified below)

Arts and Movement

- ARE 4313 Elementary School Art
- COM 4703 Storytelling
- COM 4707 Peace, Conflict, Oral Narrative
- EEC 4303 Creative Arts Young Child

Development, Learning, and Pedagogy

- DEP 3053 Psychology Human Development
- DEP 4115 Infant Development
- PSB 4504 Developmental Psychobiology
- EDF 3210 Applied Learning Theory
- EEC 4020 Foundations of ECEE
- EEC 4237 Exploring Natural Habitats Child
- EEC 4322 Effective Practices ECEE

Leadership and Management

- ENT 4024 Entrepreneurship
- MAN 3025 Int Mgt and Org Behavior
- MAN 3611 Cross-Cultural Human Relations
- MAN 4301 Human Resource Management
- MAN 4350 Human Resource Development
- EEC 4044 Community Engagement in ECEE

Contemporary Social Issues

- EEX 2091 Disability and Society
- SOW 4650 Child Welfare
- SYO 3100 Family and Society
- SYO 4534 Poverty and Society
- PHI 3320 Philosophy of the Mind
- PHI 4661 Ethics

BECE Open Electives

(select 15 credits in any combination from the options below)

Psychology

- CLP 4144 Psychopathology
- EXP 3505 Cognition
- EXP 4304 Psychology of Motivation
- PPE 4003 Personality Theories
- PSB 3002 Biological Bases of Behavior
- PSY 4810 Evolutionary Psychology

Communication, Speech, Hearing & Language

- SPA 4002 Intro Comm Disorders
- SPA 4011 Speech & Hearing Science
- SDS 4410 Interpersonal Communication
- SPC 3710 Intercultural Communication
- SPC 4718 Ethnicity and Communication
- LIN 4620 Bilingualism
- DEP 4130 Language Acquisition

Classroom Management & Special Needs

- EDG 4419 Bldg Clsrm Discipline Mgmt
- EEX 4050 Overview Indiv VE Programs
- EEX 4070 Inclusive Educ Gen Education

Technology & Instructional Design

- EEX 4763 Special Education Technology
- EME 4312 Ed Tech for 21st Century Teachers

Health & Safety

- HSC 2400 First Aid and CPR
- NUR 3183 Food, Nutrition, and Health

If these course have already been completed, they will be accepted as Open Electives:

- MAE 4310 Math Content & Standards K-6 Teachers
- MAE 4350 Principles & Methods: K-9 School Mathematics
- SCE 4113 Science Content & Standards K-6 Teachers
- SCE 4350 Principles & Methods: K-9 School Science
- SSE 4150 K-9 School Social Studies
- RED 4552 Reading Diagnosis and Remediation Pre K-Grade 8