Bachelor’s Degree in EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

THE PROGRAM

The Bachelor’s Degree in EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (BECE) is a blended early childhood/early childhood special education degree program. This degree prepares educators and related personnel for working with young children from birth to age five with and without special needs or disabilities. Degree completers are prepared for employment in the fields of child care and children's services; and, with the completion of additional training, completers are eligible to seek teacher certification for primary grades. The BECE is a joint degree program offered by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) and the Department of Special Education (DSE).

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CORE – 21 credits

- Assessment of ALL Young Children
- Blended EC Methods: Birth-5
- Designing & Implementing a Blended Curriculum: B-8
- Family, School and Community Partnerships
- Language Development & Intervention
- Positive Behavioral Supports in Inclusive EC Settings
- Typical/Atypical Development: B-8

PROGRAM ELECTIVES – 12 credits

In accordance with career aspirations and consultation with faculty and program advisor, students choose program electives in the following areas:

- Arts & Movement
- Contemporary Social Issues
- Development, Learning & Pedagogy
- Leadership & Management

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CORE – 12 credits

- Introduction to TESOL
- Language Arts: B-8
- Ed Measurement & Evaluation
- Reading Dev: B-Grade 3

OPEN ELECTIVES – 15 credits

In accordance with career aspirations and consultation with faculty and program advisor, students choose open electives in the following areas:

- Classroom Management & Special Needs
- Communication & Language
- Health & Safety
- Psychology
- Technology & Instructional Design

Learn more by contacting us!

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Prospective undergraduate students are invited to apply to Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as a freshman/first time in college or transfer student. Learn more here: https://www.fau.edu/apply-now/.

**APPLICANTS**

Applicants must first apply to FAU as a First year/freshman (applying immediately after high school) or transfer student (already earned 12 or more college credits after graduation; earned an Associate's degree, or seeking a 2nd Bachelor's).

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Once admitted to FAU, students who have earned 60 Credit hours with a cumulative 2.5 GPA are invited to apply to the College of Education (COE) and Bachelor's in Early Care and Education (BECE) degree program.

**LEARN MORE**

Learn more about applying to FAU COE/DSE by contacting the Office for Academic and Student Services.

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