

B.A.Ed. Early Childhood Education (P-3)

Woodring College of Education

Why should I consider an Early Childhood Education Major?

The program in early childhood education consists of an academic major in Early Childhood Education and a sequence of professional certification courses that lead to teacher licensure Pre-K through third grade. Upon completion of the program, candidates can work in childcare centers, preschools, Head Start programs, and primary grades in public schools. The course work offers a combination of theory, methods, and field experiences in a variety of early childhood education settings.

How to Declare:

To be completed before application deadline:

- Completion of at least **45 credits**.
- Cumulative overall, or last 45 credits, **GPA of 2.75 or higher**
- Satisfaction of the **testing requirement**: Pass the WEST-B
- **English composition course** with a grade of **B-** or higher.

Experiences with children, strong interpersonal communication skills, and other skills helpful in teaching are given special emphasis. An essay, to be written on site, is required at the time of application.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts in Education degree in Early Childhood Education within four years should complete the GUR by the middle of their sophomore year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement. Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts in Education degree in Early Childhood Education within four years should complete the GUR by the middle of their sophomore year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Cumulative, or within the last 45 credits, GPA of 2.75 or higher.

English composition course with a B- or higher.

Other Activities:

Apply to Woodring College of Education before or by completion of GURs.

Meet with a Woodring advisor upon admission.

Take and pass all sections on the WEST-B prior to applying.

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Sample Careers:

Elementary Education Teacher (P-3)



Early Childhood Education (P-3) Major and Professional Program Requirements: 47-49 Credits

Early Childhood Education Major Requirements:

Required Courses: 44 credits

ECE 390 Infant/Toddler Practicum & Seminar (4)
ECE 391 Preschool Practicum & Seminar (4)
ECE 430 Creativity and Play in Early Childhood Education (4)
ECE 431 Fundamental of Early Childhood Education (4)
ECE 432 Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (4)
ECE 434 Environments for Early Learning (4)
ECE 435 Child Abuse and Neglect (4)
ECE 438 Family and Community Relationships (4)
ECE 439 Curriculum Planning in Early Childhood Education (4)
SPED 443 Early Development Variations (4)
SPED 444 Assessment & Intervention in Early Childhood Special Education (4)

Select one elective course from the following list:

ANTH 481 Childhood and Culture (4)
CSD 251 Intro to Communication Disorders (3)
CSD 354 Speech & Language Development in Children (3)
EDUC 309 Storytelling: Oral Narrative, History, Culture, and Society (4)
ENG 441 Children's Literature Elementary/Middle (5)
ENG 442 Studies in Literacy and Learning (5)
HSP 315 Human Development & Human Services (4)
TESL 401 Introduction to English Linguistics for TESOL (4)

Early Childhood Education Professional Program Requirements: (75 Credits)

Professional Studies Core:

ECE 380 Literacy Foundations in Early Childhood Education (4)
ECE 432 Social Studies for Early Childhood Education (4)
ECE 439 Curriculum Planning in Early Childhood Education (4)
ECE 495 Internship: Preschool (6)
ECE 496 Internship: Primary (10)
ECE 498 Seminar
(4 total—2 credits w/ECE 495, 2 credits with ECE 496)
EDUC 301 Educational Psychology I: Development and Individual Differences (4)
EDUC 302 Educational Psychology II: Motivation, Learning and Assessment (4)
EDUC 310 Teacher & the Social Order (4)
ELED 480 Literacy: Beginning Communicators (5)
IT 344 Basic Instructional Technology Skills (1)
IT 442 Classroom Use of Instructional Technology (Elem) (3)
MATH 381 Teaching K-8 Mathematics I (4)
MATH 382 Teaching K-8 Mathematics II (4)
MATH 383 Teaching K-8 Mathematics III (4)
PE 345 PE For Elementary School (3)
SCED 480 Science Methods & Curriculum for the Elementary School (5)
SCED 490 Science Practicum (3)
SPED 364 Teaching All Students (4)
SPED 430 Problem Solving for Diverse Needs (3)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements:

ACOM: ENG 101

QSR: MATH 381, 382

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

Other Elementary Education Options:

B.A. Ed. in any academic major approved by Elementary Education (see *WWU Catalog* under *Elementary Education—Choosing an Academic Major*)

B.A. Ed. In Elementary Education Studies (53-57 credits plus 104 credits professional program)