
To prepare highly skilled professionals to assume roles and positions in teaching, research, educational leadership, and human development to contribute to the educational achievement of all young children ages birth - 8 years in early childhood settings.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

020 – Mathematics – 3 hours

MATH 1314 College Algebra

050 – Creative Arts – 3 hours

ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 57 HOURS (57 advanced)

1 – Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Core – 30 hours (30 advanced)

READ 3320 Early Literacy Development

SPED 3390 Introduction to Exceptional Children

EDSL 3310 Emergent Bilingual Students in Schools

ECEC 3307 Knowledge and Skills for Preschool Teacher: Profession, Standard, & Ethics

SOCW 3361 Child Maltreatment

REHS 3320 Family and Disability

EDCI 3332 Design and Implementing Instruction and Assessment

MASC/HIST 3332 Mexican American History

ECED 3310 Quality Program for Infants and Toddlers

SPED 4395 Special Education Practicum Behavior Techniques

2 – Advanced Early Care and Early Childhood Studies – 27 hours (27 advanced)

ECED 4315 Linguistically Diverse Early Childhood Students

ECED 4314 Dynamics of Play and Play Environments in Childhood

ECED 4391 Foundations of Early Childhood Education

ECED 4392 Guidance of Young Children

ECED 4394 Principles of Curriculum Design in Early Childhood

ECED 4395 STEAM for Your Children

ECED 4312 Administration of Child Development Centers

SPED 4310 Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education

ECED 4380 Field Experience Childhood Settings

C – FREE ELECTIVES – 21 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 57 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Admission requirements

Students must complete an application with the Department of Human Development and School Services and a criminal background check.

Progression requirements

A GPA of 2.5 for progression is required.

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.

*Revisions on 1-22-19: occupational license statement removed.