This program leads to a profession which requires an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001. This requires that all applicants seeking to become licensed must undergo a criminal background check prior to licensure. Students in this program should check with the College of Education and P-16 Integration on the requirements for a criminal background check prior to student teaching.

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 0-5 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 – 79 HOURS (63 advanced)

1 – Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Core – 24 hours (24 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
ECED 3310 Quality Program for Infants and Toddlers

2 – Support Courses – 31 hours (15 advanced)
READ 3320 Early Literacy Development
READ 3324 Reading Comp & Assessment
EDSL 3310 Emergent Bilingual Students in Schools
HIST 3333 Texas History
PSCI 1421 Physical Sciences I
PSCI 1421 Physical Science II
MATH 1350 Fundamentals of Mathematics I
MATH 1351 Fundamentals of Mathematics II
SPED 4310 Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education
1 hr Science Lab (from GEC)
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3 – Teacher Certification – 24 hours (24 advanced)
EDCI 3331 Human Development and Student Learning
EDCI 3332 Design and Implementing Instruction Assessment
EDCI 3333 Teaching Science to Elementary Students
EDCI 3334 Teaching Mathematics to Elementary Students
EDCI 3335 Teaching Social Studies to Elementary Students
EDCI 3336 Teaching English Language Arts and Reading to Elementary Students
EDCI 4637 Student Teaching for Elementary Teachers (EC-6)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 121 HOURS
TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 63 HOURS
ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Admission requirements
Students must complete an application and a criminal check. Non-certification Program does not require Teacher Certification program admission.

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.