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.

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.