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.