

Bachelor of Science (BS) Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification

2025-2026

| н | Course # | Course Title | Min. GEC Grade | Prerequisite | Additional Notes |
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| 3 | Choose 1 | Communication | C 010 | For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301. | See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301 |
| 3 | Choose 1 | American History | 060 | | See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327 |
| 3 | MATH 1314 | College Algebra | C 020 | College Ready TSI status in Mathematics.College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342. | |
| 3 | Choose 1 | Creative Arts | 050 | | See General Education Core for course options. |
| 3 | Choose 1 | Integrative/Experiential Learning Option | 090 | | See General Education Core for course options. |
| | UNIV | 1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design | | | As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI high school rank, major declaration, etc. |
| 15 Se | mester Total Hours | | | | |
| 3 | Choose 1 | Communication | C 010 | For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301. | See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305 |
| 3 | Choose 1 | American History | 060 | | See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328 |
| 3 | Choose 1 | Social and Behavioral Sciences | 080 | | See General Education Core for course options. |
| 3 | MATH 1350 | Fundamentals of Mathematics I | с | Minimum grade of 'C' in one of the following: MATH 1314, MATH 1414, MATH 2412, or MATH 2413. | Prerequisite to Teacher Education Program Admission |
| 1 | Choose 1 | Integrative/Experiential Learning Option | 090 | | See General Education Core for course options. |
| 13 Se | mester Total Hours | | | | |
| 4 | Choose 1 | Life and Physical Sciences | 030/ 090 | May apply pending course selection | See General Education Core for course options. If taking lab, earn 1 hr appl Integrative/Experiential Learning. See degree plan for details. |
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| 8 Se | mester Total Hours | | | | |
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| 3 | MATH 1351 | Fundamentals of Mathematics II | | MATH 1350 with a grade of 'C' or better. | Prerequisite to Teacher Education Program Admission |
| 3 | SCIE 3301 | Science for Elementary Teachers I | | Must be a declared major in the following College of Education and P-16 Integration programs: BS Education, BS Special Education and BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies (Teacher Certification). | Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. |
| 3 | POLS 2305 | U.S. Federal Govt & Politics | 070 | | |
| 3 | Choose 1 | Language, Philosophy & Culture | 040 | | See General Education Core for course options. |
| 12 Se | mester Total Hours | | | | |
| 3 | HIST 3309 | History Foundations for Elementary Social Studies Educators | | Grade of "C" or better in HIST 1301 and HIST 1302 and Sophomore standing. Must be a declared major in the following College of Education and P-16 Integration programs: BS Education, BS Special Education, BS Bilingual Education, and BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies (Teacher Certification). | Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. |
| 3 | SCIE 3302 | Science for Elementary Teachers II | | Must be a declared major in the following College of Education and P-16 Integration programs: BS Education, BS Special Education and BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies (Teacher Certification). | Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. |
| 3 | 3XXX- 43XX | Free Elective | | | |
| 3 | READ 3320 | Early Literacy Development | | | Recommended to be taken after admission. |
| | POLS 2306 | Texas Government & Politics | 070 | | |
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Apply to College of Education and P-16 Integration Educator Preparation Program one semester prior (Summer for Fall and Fall for Spring)

The 2024-2026 list of core courses can be found in the 2024-2026 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key

Minimum Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory. Bolded Course #: Program Admission Requirement General Education Core (GEC) Sections: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences; 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; 090 - Humanities; 090 - Leadership; 090 - Science Labs; 090 - Interdisciplinary; 090 - Technologies; 090 - Language Develva & Writing;

| | | | | and EDCI 4332. The EDCI 4331 and EDCI 4332 course sequence is only for students of the program. Please consult with the program coordinator for more information. | |
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| | EDCI 3331 or EPSY 3331 | Human Development and Student Learning | | Admission to the College of Education EC-6 Teacher Education Program. | |
| | EDCI 3332 | Designing and Implementing Instruction and Assessment | | Admission to the College of Education EC-6 Teacher Education Program. | This is Cluster 1. |
| | ECED 4391 | Foundations of Early Childhood Education | | Admission to the COE Teacher Preparation Program. | |
| | ECED 4392 | Guidance of Young Children | | Admission to the COE Teacher Preparation Program. | |
| | SPED 4310 | Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education | | Admission to Teacher Prep if education major. No prereq if non education major. | |
| Se | emester Total Hours | | | | |
| | EDCI 3333 | Teaching Science to Elementary Students | | EDCI 3331 and EDCI 3332 | This is Cluster 2. |
| | EDCI 3334 | Teaching Mathematics to Elementary Students | | EDCI 3331 and EDCI 3332 | |
| | ECED 4394 | Principles of Curriculum Design in Early Childhood | | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program or consent of instructor for non- education major. | Cluster 1 courses in previous semester must be completed. |
| | ECED 4315 | Linguistically-Diverse Early Childhood Students | | Admission to CEP Educator Preparation Program or consent of instructor for non- education major. | |
| | EDSL 3310 | Emergent Bilingual Students in Schools | | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program. | |
| Se | emester Total Hours | | | | |
| | ECED 3310 | Quality Program for Infants and Toddlers | | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program or consent of instructor for non- education major. | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program required. |
| | ECED 4312 | Administration of Child Development Centers | | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program or consent of instructor for non- education major. | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program required. |
| Se | emester Total Hours | | | | |
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| | EDCI 3335 | Teaching Social Studies to Elementary Students | | EDCI 3334 | This is Cluster 3. |
| | ECED 4314 | Dynamics of Play and Play Environments in Childhood | | Admission to CEP Educator Preparation Program or consent of instructor for non- education major. | |
| | ECED 4395 | STEAM for Young Children | | Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program or consent of instructor for non- education major. | Cluster 2 courses in previous semester must be completed. |
| | READ 3324 | Reading Comprehension and Assessment | | READ 3320 and Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program. | |
| Se | emester Total Hours | | | | |
| | | Apply to Clinical Teaching | orogram | one semester prior to Student Teaching semester (Spring for Fall and Fall for Spring |). |
| | EDCI 4637 or EDCI 4331 and 4332 | Student Teaching for Elementary Teachers (EC-6) or Clinical Teaching Residency I for Elementary Teachers (EC-6) and Clinical Teaching Residency II for Elementary Teachers (EC-6) | | Admission to the College of Education Student Teaching Program or Admission to the College of Education Clinical Teaching Residency Program. | All Education courses must be completed prior to admission to Clinical T Passing identified TExES certification exams is required before EDCI 4637 be taken last semester. Only offered Fall or Spring. |
| | EDCI 4320 | Professional Development in Teaching | | Admission to clinical teaching. Students must be concurrently enrolled in EDCI 4637 or EDC 4332. | 1 |

120 TOTAL HOURS (42) Advanced minimum credit hours

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