

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1 Communication
Choose 1 American History
Choose 1 Integrative & Experiential Learning
Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture
XXXX X3XX
Free Elective
UNIV 1301 Learning Framework
Choose 1 Social and Behavioral Sciences
ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
MATH 1314 College Algebra
Choose 1 American History
Choose 1 Communication

SECOND YEAR

Choose 1 Government/Political Science
Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1 Mexican American History
XXXX X3XX Free Elective
SPED 3390 Intro to Exceptional Children
Choose 1 Government/Political Science
Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1 Early Literacy Development
Choose 1 Integrative & Experiential Learning
SOW 3361 Child Maltreatment

THIRD YEAR

EDCI 3332 Design and Implementing Instruction and Assessment
ECED 4391 Foundations of Early Childhood Education
ECED 4392 Guidance of Young Children
ECCE 3307 Knowledge and Skills for Preschool Teacher
SPED 4310 Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education
ECED 4394 Principles of Curriculum Design in Early Childhood
EDSL 3310 Emergent Bilingual Students in Schools
XXXX X3XX Free Elective
ECED 4315 Linguistically-Diverse Early Childhood Students
ECED 4314 Dynamics of Play and Play Environments in Childhood
ECED 3310 Quality Program for Infants and Toddlers
ECED 4312 Administration of Child Development Centers

FOURTH YEAR

ECED 4395 STEAM for Your Children
RHES 3320 Family and Disability
XXXX X3XX Free Elective
XXXX X3XX Free Elective
SPED 4395 Special Education Practicum in Behavior Techniques
ECED 4380 Field Experience Childhood Settings
XXXX X3XX Free Elective
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EARLY CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD (BS)
***Non-Certification**
Catalog: 2019-20
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION

Degree Info

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.

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Additional Info

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

BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

CAREERS

MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
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- Complete major foundation classes, such as PHIL 1301 & 3 hours from Computer Applications.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Early Care Early Childhood program. The deadline is 31st March of every year.

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- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

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- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: ECEC 4214: Internship in Early Childhood Settings.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.**
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as NAEYC and its local affiliate SMAEYC.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as organizing a community play day.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Visit the Writing Center or become the secretary for your organization.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at the SMAEYC workshops.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program such as The Early Childhood Community Play Day.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into UTCARES or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out the Human Development & School Services department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- **Childcare**
- **Teaching**
- **Parent-child education**
- **Administration:**
 - Curriculum development
 - Training
 - Management
- **Teaching:**
 - Early childhood education
 - Home economics
 - Family and consumer sciences

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter