

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (B.S.)

This program is designed for individuals seeking career options in early childhood care settings. Courses in this program prepare individuals to be qualified early childhood education and child care providers. This major offers a model curriculum which addresses standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The completion of this degree qualifies individuals for the Early Childhood credential through the New Hampshire Child Development Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services. This degree does not lead to public school teacher certification through the Department of Education.

Students will have the opportunity to:

1. Develop knowledge and skills in promoting child development with an understanding and application of developmentally appropriate practice.
2. Develop knowledge and skills to develop, implement, and evaluate meaningful curriculum for all children.
3. Develop knowledge and skills to communicate and collaborate with children, families, and professionals.

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 120 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 30 credits must be taken at Granite State College

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for conferral

Requirements	Credit Hours
General Education Requirements (p. 1)	40
Major Requirements (p. 1)	60
Open Electives (p. 1)	28
Total	128

General Education Requirements

A minimum grade of C is required in all General Education coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements, including CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking (4 s.h.) and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar (4 s.h.), must be taken prior to the capstone.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 500	The Writing Process	4
COMM 542	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
COMM 543	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
Select one of the following:		4
MATH 502	Math for Our World	
MATH 504	Statistics	
MATH 510	Pre-Calculus	

Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems (<https://catalog.granite.edu/undergraduate/degrees-programs-study/general-education-requirements/#human-behavior>) 4

Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World (https://catalog.granite.edu/undergraduate/degrees-programs-study/general-education-requirements/#physical-natural-world)		4
Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression (https://catalog.granite.edu/undergraduate/degrees-programs-study/general-education-requirements/#human-thought)		4
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
IDIS 601	Interdisciplinary Seminar	4
Total Credits		40

Major Requirements

A minimum grade of C is required in all Major coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor.

CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking (4 s.h.), IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar (4 s.h.) and all major requirements must be completed prior to enrollment in the integrative Capstone. Academic Advisor approval is required for registration to be processed.

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Early Childhood Education		
<i>Foundational Courses</i>		
PSY 508	Child Development	4
EDU 550	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 553	Creative Arts in Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 555	Language and Literacy Development	4
EDU 556	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Settings	4
EDU 600	Mathematics and Science in Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 602	Young Children with Exceptionalities, Birth-Age 8	4
EDU 605	Early Childhood Program Administration	4
<i>Intermediate Courses</i>		
PSY 510	Infant and Toddler Development	4
EDU 560	Positive Behavior Guidance in Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 551	Learning and Early Childhood Environments	4
<i>Advanced Courses</i>		
SOC 607	Child Abuse and Neglect	4
EDU 601	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 603	Family and Community Relations in Early Childhood Education	4
<i>Integrative Capstone:</i>		
EDU 650	Practicum: Professionalism in Early Childhood Education	4
Total Credits		60

Electives

Open electives are courses students will need to take in addition to their general education and major requirements in order to satisfy the

remaining credit totals for their programs. Open electives are defined as any credit course offered by the College not already included in the student's general education, major, concentration or minor. Students will need 120 credits total to graduate with a bachelor's degree.