

Early Childhood Education (M.Ed.)

Degree Requirements

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) program in Early Childhood Education provides advanced study for teachers working with children preschool through third grade. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for the Class A Professional Early Childhood Education Certificate provided they already hold the Class B Professional Early Childhood Certificate.

Note: The appropriate course of study sheet and the assigned departmental advisor should be consulted in all program matters.

Thesis

A student may elect to write a thesis as part of the program. If the student decides to write a thesis, a thesis committee will be appointed to work with the student and to evaluate the thesis. (IDE 510 and IDE 620 are required.)

Program	Credit Hours
The program for the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education is as follows	30 minimum hours required (500 level)
Curriculum and Teaching	15
EEC 553	
EEC 522	
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RED 531 and EEC 532	
Diversity Elective	3
SPE 500 (required if introductory special education course not previously taken) or EDU 567	
Research & Evaluation**	3
IDE 510	
IDE 620 (Thesis Option Only with IDE 510)	
Technology	3
EDM 510	
Teaching Field	6
Advisor approved 500 level AED, EEC, RED courses	
All certification programs require an introductory special education course SPE 500 required under B above, if not completed at the undergraduate level.	
**Students who have previously not completed an evaluation course will be required to complete an approved evaluation course in addition to IDE 510.	

Department Information

Department of Leadership and Teacher Education		(251) 380-2761
Chair	R. Allan Allday	
Professors	Baxter, Bounds, Giles, Green, Kent	
Associate Professors	Allday, Ferguson, Maulding Green, Vitulli	
Assistant Professors	Brannan, Byrd, Carmouche, Delmas, Gossen, Hensley, Johnson, McCarrison, Morrison, Morton, Parrish, Reeves, Szatkowski	
Senior Instructor	Simpson	
Instructors	Holland	

Department of Leadership and Teacher Education website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/lte/>

Undergraduate

The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education leading to Alabama Class B certification in the following areas: Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Early Childhood Studies.

Graduate

The department offers the M.Ed. degree leading to Alabama Class A Certification in the following areas: Art Education, Instructional Leadership, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the M.Ed. degree in Educational Administration with an emphasis in higher education leadership. The department also offers the Instructional Specialist degree (Ed.S.) leading to Alabama Class AA Certification in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Instructional Leadership, Reading Specialist, Secondary Education, Special Education and Teacher Leader. The department offers the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership.