



Master of Education

Early Childhood Teacher (PreK-2)

- CIP code 131210 • For licensure: 31-34* credits, 4 terms full-time
- Non-licensure: 30-32 credits, 3 terms full-time
- Program approved by the Mass. Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)

Program Description — The Early Childhood PreK-2 program is for students who plan to teach in public or private schools. They are prepared with the appropriate skills and knowledge that will assist them in pursuing their initial license in Early Childhood PreK-2 With and Without Disabilities. Program completers are career-ready, technologically savvy, exhibit inter-cultural competence and are equipped to advance social justice.

Learning Outcomes — Graduates demonstrate the disposition, knowledge and skills expected of professional educators articulated by state and national accreditation bodies. They understand the principles of early childhood education, including developmentally appropriate lessons and activities for educators working with children in preK-grade 2 settings and utilize inclusive practices appropriate for children with learning disabilities and for diverse students (including but not limited to English learners) to enhance the abilities of their children. They utilize inclusive practices to create a safe and collaborative learning environment that fosters positive socio-emotional development; set high expectations for all students; implement well-structured lessons, with measurable assessments of learning; and engage in ongoing reflection on practice.

Careers — Graduates who have completed the licensure option are eligible for initial licensure and are qualified for employment in public or private preschool/kindergarten as well as in the early childhood arena.

Non-licensure option: All program components are required (including pre-practicum) *except* for SEI, Practicum Readiness course, Practicum, Practicum Seminar, and MTEL exams. Two approved School of Education electives (total 4-6 credits) also required.

***Program credits:** 31 credits total if SEI is completed before enrollment, 34 credits if SEI is completed at Cambridge College.

Program and course schedule subject to change.

Program chair: Christy Reynolds, Ed.D.
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Courses — program chair will advise on sequence 26 credits

- EDU 558 Introduction to Graduate School (1 credit) . . . Fall, Spring
- ELE 500 Teaching Phonological & Phonemic Awareness & Phonics (0 credit; req. for ELE 521) Fall, Spring
- ELE 521 Development of Reading & Writing Skills for Early Childhood & Elementary Curriculum . . . Fall, Spring
- ESP 592 Adapting Materials for Students w/Disabilities in Gen Ed Classrooms (1 credit) every term
- ESP 594 Collab & Consultation Technq (2 credits) every term
- ECE 600 Development of Young Children Summer
- ELE 653 Teaching Science & Technology in Early Childhood & Elementary Curriculum Fall, Spring
- ESP 512 Inclusion & Behavior Management Fall, Summer
- ELE 656 Teaching Social Science, History & Multicultural Educ in Early Childhood & Elementary Curric. Spring
- ELE 620 Integration of Children’s Literature in Early Childhood & Elementary Curriculum Fall, Summer
- MAT 700 Inclusion in Math Class every term
- ELE 594 Integrating Physical Education into Early Childhood & Elementary Curriculum (1 credit) . . Summer

Practicum Prerequisites 1-4 credits

- Pass all MTEls required by Massachusetts for this license: Communication & Literacy, Early Childhood, and Foundations of Reading (MTEL).
- SEI 605 Sheltered English Immersion (3 credits) or ESE-endorsed course or SEI MTEL.
- Pass all required courses.
- Pre-Practicum — Successfully complete program-specific hours in diverse settings (0 credit)
- EDU 704 Practicum Readiness (1 credit)
- Submit Practicum Application and Placement Approval Forms.

Practicum & Seminar (licensure students only) 4 credits

- ECE 794 Practicum**— 300 hours (2 credits) Fall, Spring
Guided and evaluated by a licensed/certified early childhood teacher in the classroom and a Cambridge College early childhood supervisor. Practicum locations are subject to DESE regulations and must be discussed with the program chair and approved by the pre-practicum/practicum coordinator.
- ECE 791 Practicum Seminar** (2 credits) Fall, Spring
Electronic exit portfolio (Taskstream) required for credit.

(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)