Thank you for your interest in learning more about National University’s Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Acquire the knowledge and core competencies to provide leadership in a variety of childcare settings – and change the destiny of a child’s life...

You wish to join a profession helping children, including those with special needs, in all areas of their learning, cognitive, language, social and emotional development.

You are interested in acquiring the skills that child care workers, parents, educators and others need to stimulate and encourage a child to progress to the next level of development.

The National University Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Development will help you reach your goals. This highly respected degree is based on stringent criteria established by:

• The National Association for the Education of Young Children
• California Child Development Permit Matrix
• California Pre-Kindergarten Learning Development Guidelines

Field experience combined with specialization opportunities will prepare you for a leadership role in a variety of settings: child care centers, nursery schools, Head Start centers, Family child care homes, and others.

Take advantage of National University’s state-of-the-art online study option and unique one-course-per-month format to dramatically accelerate your time to degree – while lowering your study costs.

Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Major in Early Childhood Development, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University and 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper division level. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general electives may be necessary to satisfy total units for the degree.

Refer to the section on undergraduate admission requirements for specific information regarding admission and matriculation.

Prerequisites for the Major
(2 courses, 9 quarter units)

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Requirements for the Major
(9 courses, 40.5 quarter units)

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(Prerequisites: PSY 100 and 301)
HED 320 Health, Nutrition and Safety
(Prerequisites: PSY 100 and 301)
ECD 330 Early Cognition
(Prerequisite: PSY 301)
ECD 410 Language Acquisition
(Prerequisite: ECD 330)
ECD 415 Meaningful Curriculum: Creative and Integrative Arts
(Prerequisite: ECD 330)
ECD 420 Nature and Numbers
(Prerequisite: ECD 330)
ECD 430 Play: Early Social-Emotional Development
ECD 440 Observation and Assessment of Young Children
(Prerequisites: PSY 301 and ECD 310)
ECD 450 Seminar/Practicum in Early Childhood Development
(Prerequisite: Student must have successfully completed all core courses with an average grade of "C" (2.0) or better in the core and have approval from his/her faculty mentor.)

Upper Division Electives Requirements
(6 courses, 27 quarter units)

Students may choose one or the other concentration or a combination of approved elective courses within the concentrations.

Concentration in Administering Early Childhood Programs
(353)

Students must successfully complete the following courses for a Concentration in Administering Early Childhood Programs. It is recommended that students take these classes at or near the end of their program after completing the upper division major requirements.

Program Prerequisites
(1 course, 4.5 quarter units)

PSY 460 Introduction to Addictive Disorders
(Prerequisites: ENG 100/101 and PSY 100)

Program Requirements
(6 courses, 27 quarter units)

ECD 460 Administering Early Childhood Programs
ECD 462 Volunteer Management and Financial Resources Management
(Prerequisite: PSY 460)
ECD 464 Legal and Ethical Issues in Early Childhood
(Prerequisite: HED 320)
ECD 466 Planning the Physical Environment for the Young Child
PSY 401 Psychology for Managers
(Prerequisites: ENG 100/101 and PSY 100)
HB 401 Conflict Resolution
(Prerequisites: ENG 100/101 and PSY 100)
Concentration in Teaching in Early Childhood Programs
(354)

Students must successfully complete the following courses for a Concentration in Teaching in Early Childhood Programs. It is recommended that students take these classes at or near the end of their program after completing the upper division major requirements and when they are within six (6) months of completing their degree program.

This concentration allows currently enrolled students who are completing their last six courses to register for three SOE prerequisite courses for the teaching credential program as electives for their BAECD degree. Students can select HED 502, EDT 608 and EXC 625. Students must complete graduate level coursework taken as part of the BAECD degree with a grade of "B" or better. This coursework will not transfer as graduate level credit to National University or any other University as it is part of an undergraduate degree program.

Grades earned in graduate level courses will be calculated as part of the student's undergraduate Grade Point Average.

Program Prerequisites
(4 courses, 18 quarter units)

LIT 100 Introduction to Literature
(Prerequisites: ENG 100/101)
MUS 100 Fundamentals of Music
ART 200 Visual Arts
MSM 301 Teaching Elementary Physical Education

Program Requirements
(6 courses, 27 quarter units)

LIT 430 Children's Literature and Literacy
(Prerequisites: ENG 101, LIT 100, ENG 350, PSY 301)
HED 502 Health Education Across the Curriculum
EDT 608 Computer-Based Technology in the Classroom
EXC 625 Exceptional Children in the Classroom
ENG 350 Fundamentals of Linguistics
(Prerequisites: ENG 100/101)
ART 400 Expressive and Integrative Art
(Prerequisites: ART 200, MUS 100, MSM 301, PSY 301)

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