

## Early Childhood Education

### Post-BAC: EC SPED Approval Certificate

#### Program Overview

**Advanced Certificate:** Early Childhood Special Education Approval, Birth to Grade 2 (*post-BAC, no degree*)

**Level:** Graduate

**Certifications Earned:**

- Early Childhood Special Education Approval, PreK

**Intended Audience:** Candidates with Professional Educator License (PEL) with an Early Childhood Education Endorsement (birth to grade 2) seeking a subsequent endorsement

**Admissions Criteria:**

- Bachelor's Degree
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Valid teaching license (Professional Educator License – PEL) and an Endorsement in Early Childhood Education (*Note: candidates cannot earn the EC SPED approval on their PEL if they do not already have an Early Childhood Endorsement*)

**Program Coursework:**

1. EDEC 6550: Family, Community, and Culture (3)
2. EDEC 6560: Science and Social Studies Methods, CRTL & Exceptional Learners (3)
3. EDEC 6570: Literacy Methods in Early Childhood Education (3)
4. EDEC 7570: Assessment & Differentiated Instruction in Early Childhood Education (3)
5. EDEC 8810: Research and Issues in Education I (3)
6. SPED 6101: Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)

**Total hours:** 18

**Course Offerings and Plan:**

| <b>Fall only courses (15 weeks)</b>                                  |   |           |                            |
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| EDEC 6570  | Literacy Methods in Early Childhood                     | 3         |                            |
| EDEC 8810  | Research and Issues in Education I                      | 3         |                            |
| <b>Spring only courses (15 weeks)</b>                                |   |           |                            |
| EDEC 6550  | Family, Community, and Culture                          | 3         |                            |
| EDEC 6560  | Science and Social Studies, CRTL & Exceptional Learners | 3         |                            |
| <b>Summer only courses - Summer II, July 5-August 18 (7.5 weeks)</b> |   |           |                            |
| EDEC 7570  | Assessment and Differentiated Instruction in ECE        | 3         |                            |
| <b>Fall/Spring courses (15 weeks)</b>                                |   |           |                            |
| SPED 6101  | Survey of Students with Exceptionalities                | 3         | Field Experience Hours: 15 |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>18</b> |                            |

**Time:** evenings

**Modality:** online synchronous (at a scheduled time) and/or online asynchronous

**Course Schedule:** courses are only offered once a year