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Early Childhood Education (PreK-2)

Merrimack College's School of Education offers dynamic, responsive, and focused programs that prepare and support individuals to be thoughtful, passionate, and competent teachers and educational leaders. The Early Childhood Education program is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and in concert with Merrimack College's General Education requirements, fulfills the requirements for licensure within the state of Massachusetts to teach in PreK through Grade 2.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PreK-2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

EDU 2210 Child & Adolescent Development	4	EDU 4340 Children's Literature	2
EDU 2310 Intro to Early Childhood	4	EDU 4500 Language Acquisition & Literacy Curriculum Development	4
EDU 3310 Teaching Reading & Language Arts	4		
EDU 3340 Teaching Mathematics & Technology	4	EDU 2500 Pre-Practicum	0
EDU 3360 Teaching Science, Health & Phys Ed	4	MTE 1410 Foundations in Mathematics I	4
EDU 4220 Diff Inst for the Inclusive Classroom	2	MTH 1412 Foundations in Mathematics II	4
EDU 4221 Classroom Management	2	EDU 2510 Pre-Practicum	0
EDU 4320 Teaching Social Studies	2	EDU 4905 Practicum – Early Childhood Education	12

ADVISING

All students in the School of Education have an education advisor as well as an advisor in their double major. Advisors have regular office hours, so please check with them regarding any questions you may have. Check the College's *Academic Calendar* for advising dates.

MTELS

Students must take and pass all relevant MTEL tests prior to student-teaching. Early Childhood Education students will need to take the Communications & Literacy, Foundations of Reading, and Early Childhood tests. The School of Education offers Massachusetts Tests for Education Licensure (MTEL) preparation workshops, so check our website for times and dates.

PRACTICUM

All students have multiple opportunities to gain in-depth observational and practical experience in the classroom that help link theory to practice within a classroom environment designed to fit the student's area of interest. Students begin to develop their education philosophy, create a portfolio and establish meaningful professional relationships with their students, cooperating teachers and colleagues. The culminating experience for all future teachers is the semester long student-teaching (the practicum). All students should have a 3.0 cumulative average and pass the MTEls as a pre-requisite for practicum placement. See the Merrimack College Catalog or the website course descriptions for pre-practicum and practicum requirements.

CHOICES

If you want to be an Early Childhood teacher, consider majoring in Human Development or double-majoring in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Education major. Students can also minor in Educational Studies, which provides a multidisciplinary perspective on issues of educational theory, policy, and leadership.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must meet the College's General Education (formerly referred to as Institutional & Distributional) requirements by successfully completing approved courses on the Liberal Studies Core Curriculum Master List.

Additionally, students seeking DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) teacher licensure must complete DESE distribution requirements. With careful planning, students can choose courses that fulfill both Merrimack College General Education requirements and DESE licensure requirements. Please meet with your advisor to create a course schedule.

Please note that the former Institutional & Distributional requirements still apply to current students. The new General Education requirements apply only to incoming fall 2012 students and beyond (and all transfer students).

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the School of Education at **978-837-5452**.
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