

# PREKINDERGARTEN/ PRIMARY EDUCATION

Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
 Division: Teacher Education  
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 College: Professional Studies  
 Semester Hours Required for Degree: 131

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The B.A. program in Prekindergarten and Primary Education will prepare graduates to teach preschool through third grade. This program offers opportunities for the student to recognize the child as the central figure in education, provide for exceptions among learners, and plan multicultural educational experiences. It includes a sequence of school-based observations and teaching experiences designed to develop skills in planning and managing instruction and working as a member of an overall instructional team. In addition, the program provides knowledge, background, and experiences that make our graduates "first choice" for a variety of early childhood programs. The challenges and intrinsic rewards, together with the NCATE professional endorsement quality, make primary education a uniquely satisfying career.

The Excellence in Teaching Children Program combines the Elementary or Pre-K/Primary programs with a graduate program in special education. Students must enter this program at the beginning of their junior year. Upon completion, they earn both a B.A. and M.Ed. degree. For further information, contact the Teacher Education Division.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Prekindergarten/Primary Education must meet the requirements listed below.

Candidates for admission to UWF's NCATE/DOE approved teacher education programs must meet admission requirements detailed under Admission to Teacher Education. In addition to the program requirements noted below, teacher education students must also complete requirements specified under Teacher Education.

Requirements for teacher education programs may change due to legislative mandates. Therefore, the actual program requirements may differ from those listed in the catalog. Candidates must inquire with the Chair of the Division of Teacher Education or with Teacher Education Student Services to obtain the most current program requirements.

Consult with your academic advisor for courses which may satisfy both the General Studies requirements and common prerequisites.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

### Lower Division Requirements (61 sh)

The State of Florida mandates specified courses for the Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education program. The common prerequisites, when combined with the University's general

studies program requirements, comprise 61 hours of lower division courses. In addition to three specified education courses (EDF 1005, EDG 2701, and EME 2040), 52 hours must be chosen from the following liberal arts and sciences areas: (a) communications; (b) mathematics; (c) natural and/or physical sciences; (d) fine arts and/or humanities; and (e) social sciences. The hours must include at a minimum:

- Nine hours in English to include writing, literature, and speech.
- Nine hours in science to include earth science, life science, and physical science with a minimum of one associated lab.
- Nine hours in mathematics to include college algebra or above and geometry.
- Twelve hours in the social sciences to include American history and general psychology.
- Six hours in the humanities to include philosophy and fine arts.

In addition to EDG 2701, a minimum of 6 hours with an international or diversity focus is required. UWF courses meeting this requirement are indicated below with an "\*".

UWF students majoring in Prekindergarten/Primary Education should take the following courses to meet the general studies requirement and the state mandated common prerequisites.

#### English/Humanities (18 sh)

ENC 1101	English Composition I .....	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II .....	3
PHI 2603	Ethics in Contemporary Society .....	3
SPC 2016	Basic Communication Skills .....	3
*LIT 2112	Introduction to Literature .....	3

#### Choose one:

ART 2003C	Visual Arts Experience .....	3
MUL 2110	Music in Western Civilization .....	3
THE 2000	The Theatre Experience .....	3

#### Social Science/History (15 sh)

*CPO 2002	Comparative Politics .....	3
*EUH 1000	Western Perspectives I .....	3
*GEA 2000	Nations and Regions of the World .....	3

#### Choose one:

AMH 2010	United States to 1877 .....	3
AMH 2020	United States since 1877 .....	3

#### Choose one:

DEP 2004	Human Development Across the Life Span .....	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology .....	3

#### Science (10 sh)

BSC 1010	General Biology I .....	3
GEO 1200/L	Physical Geography/Lab .....	4
PHY 1020	Introduction to Concepts in Physics .....	3

#### Mathematics (9 sh)

#### Choose one:

MAC 1105	College Algebra .....	3
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra .....	3
MGF 1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I .....	3

#### Required:

MGF 1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II .....	3
STA 2023	Elements of Statistics .....	3

**Education Courses (9 sh)**

EDF	1005	Introduction to Education .....	3
*EDG	2701	Teaching Diverse Populations .....	3
EME	2040	Introduction to Educational Technology .....	3

Transfer students from Florida public institutions with an Associate of Arts degree should complete the state mandated requirements as part of their degree program. Students transferring prior to completion of the A.A. degree or transferring from non-Florida public institutions should contact Teacher Education Student Services.

**Major (40 sh)**

EEC	3204	Introduction to Early Childhood Education .....	3
EEC	3307	Providing for Conceptual Learning of Young Children .....	2
EEC	3704	Right From the Start: Education of the Developing Young Child .....	3
EEC	3731	Health/Nutrition/Safety .....	3
EEC	3800	Professional Development Seminars (4 each) .....	4
EEC	3940	ICFE I-Integrated Curriculum/Field Experience .....	3
EEC	3941	ICFE I-Practicum .....	1
EEC	3942	Instructional Technology Professional Practicum-ICFE II .....	3
EEC	4301	ICFE II-Integrated Literacy Curriculum .....	3
EEC	4302	ICFE III-Integrated Curriculum/Field Experiences .....	3
EEC	4408	Home/School/Community Partnerships .....	3
EEC	4603	Child Guidance and Classroom Management .....	3
EEC	4613	Assessment & Evaluation for Young Children ..	3
EEC	4943	Instructional Technology/Reading Professional Practicum-ICFE III .....	3

**Major Related (30 sh)**

EEX	3070	Methods in Inclusion & Collaboration .....	2
EME	3410	Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum	1
LAE	3314	Language Skills and Literature in the Elementary Schools .....	3
RED	3310	Teaching Developmental Reading in the Elementary School .....	3
SOW	3650	Introduction to Child Welfare .....	3
TSL	4080	Foundations of Teaching ESOL Students in the Schools .....	3
TSL	4xxx	Empowering Teachers to Teach English to ESOL Students .....	3

**Student Teaching***Option 1*

EDG	4940	Student Teaching .....	6
RED	4306	ICFE IV-Integrated Reading Curriculum/Field Experience .....	3
EEC	4944	ICFE IV-Practicum .....	3

*Option 2*

EDG	4308	Senior Seminar: Teaching in the Elementary School .....	2
EDG	4941	Teaching Internship I .....	5
		(Course offered as 1-5 sh per semester)	
EDG	4942	Teaching Internship II .....	5
		(Course offered as 1-5 sh per semester)	

**Upper Division Electives (0 sh)**