

Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education

Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Specializations: Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education/ESOL Educational Studies in Primary Education
Division: Teacher Education
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College: Professional Studies
Semester Hours Required for Degree:
Pre-K/Primary: 131
Educational Studies: 120

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The B.A. program in Pre-Kindergarten 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 Division offers two specializations leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The traditional NCATE/DOE approved specialization leads directly to Florida teacher certification. The second specialization, Educational Studies, is an NCATE, but not DOE approved specialization. It prepares students to work in private settings or agencies that do not require graduation from an initial certification program. Students graduating with this specialization are not eligible for certification under Florida Department of Education criteria but may subsequently earn certification as they become eligible in one of Florida's school district alternative certification programs.

Students are assigned to a Pre-K/Primary Pending major until they meet with an advisor in the College of Professional Studies Student Services Center (PSSC) and complete other requirements. Admission to the Educational Studies specialization requires specific approval by the chairperson.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Pre-Kindergarten/Primary Education must meet the requirements listed below.

Candidates for admission to UWF's NCATE/DOE approved teacher education specialization must meet admission requirements detailed under Admission to Teacher Education. These requirements include, but are not limited to, satisfactory completion of all areas of the College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) and the General Knowledge, Professional, and Subject Area portions of the Florida Teacher Certification Examination (FTCE). 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 the Professional Studies Student Center 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 (60 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 60 hours of lower division courses. In addition to three specified education courses (EDF 1005, EDG 2701, and EME 2040), 51 hours must be chosen from the following liberal arts and sciences areas: communications; mathematics; natural and/or physical sciences; fine arts and/or humanities; and 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.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN/PRIMARY EDUCATION/ESOL

This is an NCATE/DOE approved specialization that leads directly to Florida DOE certification in the subject area.

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 (1 sh each; taken 4 times)	4
EEC	3940	ICFE I-Integrated Curriculum/Field Experience	3
EEC	3941	ICFE I-Practicum	1
EEC	3942	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum 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	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum III	3
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Major-Related (31 sh)

EEX	3070	Methods in Inclusion & Collaboration	3
EME	3410	Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum	1
LAE	3314	Language Skills and Literature in the Elementary School	3
RED	3310	Teaching Developmental Reading in the Elementary School	3
SOW	3650	Introduction to Child Welfare	3
TSL	4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	3
TSL	4081	Empowering Teachers to Teach English to ESOL Students	3

Choose a Student Teaching Option

Option 1

EDG	4940	Student Teaching Course offered 3-12 sh per semester	6
RED	4306	ICFE IV-Integrated Reading Curriculum/Field Experience	3
RED	4944	ICFE IV-Integrated Reading Curriculum Practicum	3

Option 2

EDG	4936	Senior Seminar	2
EDG	4941	Teaching Internship I Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	5
EDG	4942	Teaching Internship II Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	5

Upper Division Electives (0 sh)

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

This is a NCATE approved specialization. It does not lead directly to Florida DOE certification.

Major (25 sh)

EEC	3942	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum II	3
EEC	4603	Child Guidance & Classroom Management	3
EEC	4613	Assessment and Evaluation for Young Children	3
EEC	4943	ESOL/Reading Professional Practicum III	3
EEX	3070	Methods in Inclusion & Collaboration	3
EME	3410	Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum	1
RED	3310	Teaching Developmental Reading in the Elementary School	3
TSL	4080	ESOL Principles & Practices	3
TSL	4081	Empowering Teachers to Teach English to ESOL Students	3

Major-Related (35 sh)

Consult with your advisor or the Professional Studies Student Center office for specific information regarding 35 sh of major-related requirements. Developing the plan for Major-Related courses is essential to ensure that prerequisites for major courses and other requirements are met.

Upper Division Electives (0 sh)