

**Master's of Education (MEd) in Curriculum & Instruction
Concentration in Early Childhood Education (online track)
Leading to Arizona Early Childhood Endorsement (Birth-Grade 3)**

Program Coordinator

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Program Overview

The Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction is a practitioner's degree that is designed to advance the professional knowledge, skills and understanding of individuals teaching children birth to Grade 3.

The Mary Lou Fulton College of Education, in collaboration with the education colleges at ASU's Polytechnic, and West campuses, offer an online program that enables teachers to add an early childhood endorsement to their elementary education or special education teaching certificate while earning a master's degree.

Students may complete 25 credit hours required for the Early Childhood Education Endorsement only or a total of 34 credit hours to earn the MEd while completing the requirements for the ECE Endorsement. **A passing score on the early childhood subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment is required for the endorsement.**

Program Delivery

This program is offered 100% online following a one-day orientation to be held at the beginning of each semester. Supervised Graduate Pre-K Internship/Student Teaching (4 credit hours) and a passing score on the early childhood subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment is required for the endorsement.

Choice of Campus: Students who enroll with the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education will complete student teaching in one of the following districts or counties.

- Maricopa County: (Central Valley districts; Balsz, Cave Creek, Creighton, Isaac, Kyrene, west Mesa, Murphy, Osborn, Paradise Valley, Phoenix Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Scottsdale, Tempe, Wilson)
- Pima
- Santa Cruz
- Cochise
- Graham/Greenlee

Application and admission

Apply online through the [ASU Graduate College](#)

Admission requirements:

- **U.S. bachelor's degree** from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country. A bachelor's degree in the U.S. is a four-year degree that follows 12 years of primary and secondary schoolwork.
- **Copy of Arizona Provisional or Standard Certification in Elementary Education or Special Education**
- **Equivalent to a "B" average** (in the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate coursework). If you do not meet the minimum GPA requirements, your application may still be considered although the degree program office may require additional supporting documents.
- **Proof of Measles Immunization** on file with Student Health (please see www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/health/nurseclinic/immunizations)

Official Transcripts

One set of official transcripts/mark sheets from every college and university from which a bachelor's or higher degree was earned must be submitted to the address below. You do not need to submit Arizona State University transcripts. If additional transcripts are required, the Graduate College will notify you.

Arizona State University
Graduate College
Interdisciplinary Building, B-Wing, Room 170
PO Box 871003
Tempe, Arizona 85287-1003

Please write your Application ID Number on all documents and envelopes submitted to the Graduate College. **Materials submitted without your Application ID Number will delay the processing of your application.**

Course Schedule

(all courses are delivered 100% online)

Semester 1 (fall)

Course Number Hours

ECD 525 Emergent Literacy (15 weeks) **3**

ECD 549 Diversity in Development of the Young Child (1st 8-weeks) **3**

ECD 505 Foundations of Early Childhood Education (2nd 8-weeks) **3**

Semester 2 (spring)

SPE 553 Developmental and Functional Assessment (15 weeks) **3**

ECD 520 Child Guidance/Classroom Management, Child, Family, Community and Culture (1st 8 weeks) **3**

ECD 527 Mathematics in Early Childhood (2nd 8 weeks) **3**

Semester 3 (summer)

ECD 565 Appropriate Instructional Methodologies for Young Children (8 weeks) **3**

ECD 571 PreK Internship/Student Teaching (second 5 weeks) **4**

Total Credits Endorsement Only - 25

Complete these three additional courses for the MEd

Semester 4 (fall)

TEL/COE 501 Introduction to Research and Evaluation (15 weeks) **3**

TEL/COE 504 Learning and Instruction (1st 8 weeks) **3**

DCI 593 Applied Project (2nd 8 weeks) **3**

Total Credits M.Ed. and Endorsement - 34