

# **Early Childhood Education Birth through Kindergarten,**

## **B.S.**

### **Program Description**

Current research indicates that early childhood programs with well-prepared, highly qualified teachers have long-term positive benefits for children and the community. Based on this research and Georgia's approved certification in Birth through Kindergarten (B-K) Education, the Kennesaw State University Bagwell College of Education B-K Early Education Undergraduate Program has been developed to assist individuals who have a desire to instruct and work with infants, toddlers, preschool and kindergarten children.

Graduates of the program will be prepared to provide instruction to very young children. Graduates will also be familiar with global perspectives on early learning and teaching. The B-K Undergraduate Degree Program addresses the needs of the whole child based on national and state standards. Teacher candidates in the program may be placed in various field settings that will focus on (1) developmentally appropriate best practices, (2) current research on the development of infant, toddler and young children, (3) families and communities in a global setting, (4) English Language Learners, and (5) children with special learning needs.



This program is a part of the Clarice C. and Leland H. Bagwell College of Education.

### **Admission, Enrollment and Graduation Policies**

#### **Admission Requirements**

Admission to teacher education is separate from Admissions to Kennesaw State University. Students must meet the admission, retention and graduation requirements outlined in the Teacher Education Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Requirements catalog page to pursue this degree program.

#### **Graduation Requirements**

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in the section of Academic Policies: 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION.

### **Program Course Requirements**

#### **Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)**

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

**Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)**

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

- EDUC 2110: Investigating Critical & Contemporary Issues in Education
- EDUC 2120: Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts
- EDUC 2130: Exploring Teaching & Learning
- ECE 2250: Child Development and Early Learning
- ECE 2540: Health, Wellness and the Young Child
- ECE 2590: Families, Communities and Schools: Partners in Education

**Major Requirements (48 Credit Hours)**

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses.

***Required Courses (23 Credit Hours)***

- ISCI 2001: Life and Earth Science  
or
- ISCI 2002: Physical Science
- MATH 2008: Foundations of Numbers and Operations
- ECE 2205: Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Programs
- ECE 3364: Children's Literature
- ECE 3510: Fostering Young Children's Learning Through Play
- ECE 3575: International Approaches to Early Care and Learning
- INED 3304: Education of Exceptional Students
- ITEC 3100: Improving Learning with Technology in Elementary Classrooms

***Professional Education Requirements (25 Credit Hours)***

- ECE 3313: Preschool Curriculum and Assessment
- ECE 3520: Infant and Toddler Curriculum and Assessment
- ECE 3530: Movement, Music and Art in Birth through Kindergarten Programs
- ECE 3565: Infant/Toddler Practicum
- ECE 3570: Preschool Practicum
- ECE 4515: Methods in Teaching and the Development of Teaching Language & Literacy in Birth through Kindergarten
- ECE 4525: Methods of Nurturing Second Language Acquisition
- ECE 4535: Methods of Instruction and Identification of B-5 Children with Special Needs
- ECE 4545: Methods in Math & Science in Birth through Kindergarten

- ECE 4555: Methods for Teaching Social Studies Birth through Kindergarten

**Major Concentrations (12 Credit Hours)**

Students must earn a "C" or better in these courses. Choose from one of the following concentrations:

***Traditional Certification Concentration Professional Education Requirements (12 Credit Hours)***

This concentration prepares graduates to qualify for the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's (GaPSC) Birth through Kindergarten teaching certificate.

- ECE 4650: Yearlong Clinical Experience I (P-5)
- ECE 4660: Yearlong Clinical Experience II (P-5)
- EDUC 4610: Introduction to the Yearlong Clinical Experience

***Non-Certification Concentration Professional Education Requirements (12 Credit Hours)***

This concentration prepares graduates for work in Birth through Kindergarten settings where teacher certification is not required.

- ECE 4598: Birth through Five Internship I
- ECE 4599: Birth through Five Internship II

**Program Total (120 Credit Hours)**