

research

Research and Scholarship

FAU's Early Childhood (EC) faculty and graduate students are actively involved in research, scholarship and program development. Faculty have authored textbooks, published in peer-reviewed journals and routinely deliver presentations at state, national and international conferences.

EC faculty research interests include:

- Investigating effective practices for service delivery within natural and inclusive environments
- Designing and implementing culturally relevant techniques for challenging behavior and classroom management
- Exploring evaluation models for EC programs in South Florida
- Determining correspondence between state and local quality rating systems for EC programs
- Examining the impact of explicit vocabulary instruction
- Investigating the impact of coaching on parent's interactions with young children

resources

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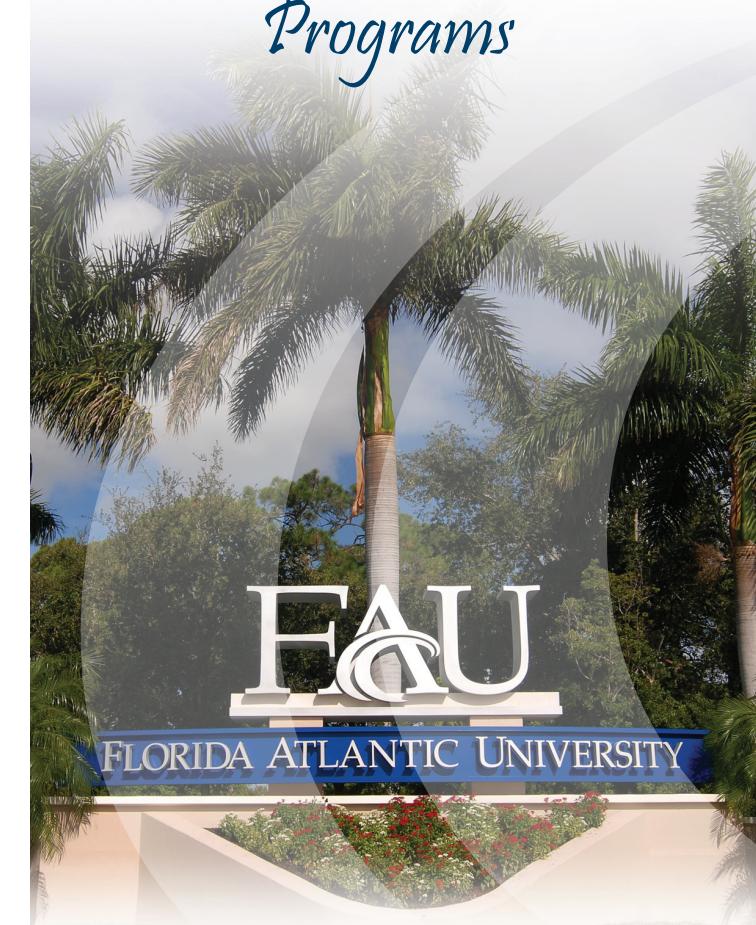
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Early Childhood Programs



degree programs

Bachelor's Degree in Early Care and Education

The Bachelor's in Early Care and Education (BECE) degree prepares teachers and related personnel to work with young children from birth to age five in public and private child care, preschools and children's services agencies. The BECE is a collaborative program between the departments of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry (CCEI).

Master's in Exceptional Student Education: Early Childhood Concentration

The M.Ed. program in ESE offers a concentration in Early Childhood and prepares professionals to work with young children with and without disabilities in a variety of roles and settings. Graduates of this program are eligible for Florida Prekindergarten Disability Teaching Endorsement and/or the Department of Health's Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist (ITDS) Certificate.

Doctorate in Exceptional Student Education: Early Childhood Concentration

The Ed.D. program in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) offers a cognate in Early Childhood. Students can create a concentration in early childhood by selecting courses and participating in research activities with young children and their families. Faculty from ESE and several College of Education departments collaborate with doctoral students who pursue this concentration.

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Early Childhood at FAU

Early childhood is the developmental period in a child's life between birth and age eight. During this period, many exciting milestones occur for children and their families. The Department of Exceptional Student Education at FAU prepares personnel to work with ALL young children birth to age eight who are typically developing, have delays or disabilities, or who are at risk for delays or disabilities. We offer fully accredited programs that prepare adults for their critical roles as teachers, caregivers, facilitators and administrators.

Our programs include:

- Doctoral Degree (Ed.D.) & Master's Degree (M.Ed.) in ESE: Concentration in Early Childhood
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Care and Education (BECE)
- Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist Certification (ITDS)
- Prekindergarten Disability Teaching Endorsement

Note: Additional EC programs are available in the Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry

certification

Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist (ITDS) Certification

The ITDS program is administered in partnership with the Department of Health's Children's Medical Services and is offered completely online. The ITDS targets development and learning in young children with special needs and designs learning environments and activities that promote development. Graduates serve children with delays or disabilities, birth to age three, as an Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist.



endorsement

Prekindergarten Disability Teaching Endorsement

The Prekindergarten Disability graduate program prepares early childhood professionals for special education and inclusive early childhood classes in Florida's public schools. Students earn this endorsement through graduate or non-degree enrollment and must have a bachelor's degree or higher upon enrollment.