

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.) IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Objectives

This program is designed for individuals who already hold an initial license in early childhood education and are seeking a professional license and a master's degree, or individuals who are seeking further professional development in the field.

Admissions

Visit salemstate.edu/graduate for admissions requirements, deadlines and prerequisites (if any).

It may be possible to take a limited number of courses prior to formal admission to the program. If you are interested in this option, please contact the graduate program coordinator. If you are accepted into the program, you must meet with the graduate program coordinator to develop a tentative plan of study and discuss any transfer credits. Graduate program coordinator contact information may be found at salemstate.edu/graduate/programs.

Program Requirements

All candidates must complete

- a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate course work (described below)
- a comprehensive exam that is taken when enrolled in EDU 921

Course Requirements

Required Courses

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| • EDU 712 | Models of Early Education: Past and Present | 3 |
| • EDU 738 | Research Across the Curriculum | 3 |
| • EDU 742A | Reading, Writing and Child Development in Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| • EDU 822 | Language Arts and Social Studies for Young Children | 3 |
| • EDU 837 | Education in a Changing World | 3 |
| • EDU 889 | Partnership for Families: An Inter-professional Approach | 3 |
| • EDU 990E | Developing Effective Programs for Special Needs Students in the Mainstream | 3 |
| • EDU 991K | Leadership for Excellence in Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| • EDU 999TT | Standards-Based Thematic Teaching in the Early Childhood Curriculum | 3 |
| • EDU | Elective to be approved by program coordinator | 3 |
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Capstone courses

- EDU 921 Seminar in Early Childhood Education & Child Development 3
- EDU 962AR Clinical Experience and Action Research in Early Childhood Education 3

These are restricted admissions courses which require pre-registration with the program coordinator.

Total Credits 36

Notes

Because the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change educator licensure requirements, you are advised to contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for specific, current licensure requirements. This information may be accessed at doe.mass.edu.

The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to make changes in program and course requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester. Therefore, you should meet regularly with your program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.