



# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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## LICENSURE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – INITIAL

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed for individuals seeking initial licensure and/or training in early childhood education but not a degree.

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed **Reference for Graduate Admission** forms. These forms are available with the application or online. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- A 500-1,000 word, type-written, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions:  
What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College?  
What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them?  
Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

### Additional requirements for individuals pursuing an initial license:

- Submit evidence of a passing score on the communication and literacy portion of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL). Information on this test is available in the Graduate School.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall admission: June 1 | Spring admission: October 1 | Summer admission: February 1

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSESTAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study, as needed.

### PREREQUISITES:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with either a) a major in the arts and sciences or an interdisciplinary arts/science major; or b) at least 24 credits in one academic area.
- A course in child growth and development (taken within the previous five years) or EDU 720

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**REQUIRED COURSES:**

- EDU 725 Introduction to Literacy Practices 3
- EDU 820 Workshop in Early Childhood Curriculum 3
- EDU 823 Science and Math in Early Childhood Curriculum 3
- EDU 829 Teaching the Exceptional Young Child 3
- EDU 876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity 3

**Practicum:**

- EDU 920X Practicum in Early Childhood Education 1.5 or 3
- EDU 920XS Practicum Seminar in Early Childhood Education 1.5 or 3

**Total Credits:****24**

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the state for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu).

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.