

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – INITIAL LICENSURE

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is designed for individuals seeking a master's degree and an initial license and/or training in early childhood education.

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.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who already hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- 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 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 seeking 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 COURSES TAKEN 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.

All candidates for this degree must complete 1) a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate course work, as described below, and 2) a comprehensive exam that should be taken when enrolled in EDU 921.

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 above the introductory level in arts and science courses, with at least 12 credits in one academic area.

REQUIRED COURSES: TAKEN PRIOR TO THE STUDENT TEACHING PRACTICUM

- EDU 720 Child Growth and Development (or an elective*) 3
- EDU 725 Introduction to Literacy Practices in Early Childhood and Elementary Education 3
- EDU 820 Workshop in Early Childhood Curriculum 3
- EDU 823 Science and Math in Early Childhood Education 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 3
- EDU 920XS Practicum Seminar in Early Childhood Education 3

OTHER REQUIRED COURSES:

- EDU 712 Models of Early Education: Past & Present 3
- EDU 738 Research Across the Curriculum 3
- EDU 767 Literature for Young Children 3

CAPSTONE COURSE:

This is a restricted admission course which requires pre-registration with the program coordinator.

- EDU 921 Seminar in Early Childhood Education and Child Development 3

Total Credits: 36

*Students may take an elective in place of EDU 720 if they have taken a suitable course on child growth and development within the last five years. (Approval of program coordinator required.)

**Candidates for initial licensure must take and pass all required sections of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure prior to entering student teaching (EDU920X).

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the Commonwealth for specific, current licensure requirements. Students may access that information at 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.
