

Program Overview

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE Certificate)

Certificate to teach children from birth through kindergarten (regular and special education)

The IECE Program prepares students for specific professional careers including a preschool or kindergarten teacher in a Kentucky public school and a Developmental Interventionist—a certified early intervention position serving families and their children birth to age three who have disabilities. Candidates meet admission requirements. Graduates are required to pass an IECE specialty exam (PRAXIS II – 0023) administered by ETS and successfully complete a one-year supervised internship program for full certification.

Kentucky is one of the few states with a blended early childhood special education certification focusing on children birth-through-kindergarten and their families. Kentucky's public preschools serve three- and four-year-old children with identified disabilities and four-year-olds who qualify by family income level.

Opportunities for IECE Graduates include, but are not limited to:

Kindergarten Teacher
Preschool Teacher in Public School Setting
Early Childhood Special Educator (0-5)
Developmental Interventionist
Special Educator for IEP's/IFSP's
Home-based Early Childhood Teacher
Itinerant Early Childhood teacher
Plus all positions currently open to a graduate of the ECE program.

Admission Criteria

Transcript: Cumulative GPA (2.5 required)

Scores of Academic Competency (one of the following)

ACT - Minimum Score 22

Praxis I: PPST/CBT:

Reading: 173 Minimum Score

Math: No Minimum Score

Writing: No Minimum Score

Combined Score: 518 Minimum

SAT: 1500 Minimum Score

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution: Cumulative GPA 2.5

Oral/Written Communication

ENG 111

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TH 120 or COM 140

Dispositions

Self-Assessment

ECE 111 or Associate Degree Early Childhood Program Coordinator

Personal Autobiography: a two-page, word-processed essay addressing:

reasons for choosing the IECE profession

teaching experiences, and

working and/or teaching in inclusive and diverse settings

Codes of Ethics Signed:

Kentucky Code of Ethics

NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Code of Ethics

Statement of Confidentiality

Required Checks: (a) State Criminal Check and (b) TB Skin Test

Three Letters of Recommendation

Diversity Survey

Pre-Professional Growth Plan (PPGP) Self-Assessment

Pre-Professional Growth Plan (PPGP)

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Interview



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Early Childhood Education

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Program Overview

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
(Non-Certification Program)

Degree for classified positions and other careers in early childhood that do not require teacher certification.

The ECE program prepares graduates to serve in an array of careers related to young children and families. This ECE program does not, however, lead to professional certification, but does contain a teaching practicum.

Opportunities for ECE Graduates include, but are not limited to:

Communicare and Adanta
Division of child Care
Health and Family Services OIG
Special Investigator I and II
Division of Regulated Child Care
Licensing Inspector
Child Care Protective Services Specialist II
Residential Care Licensing Specialist I, Residential Care
Child Care Licensing Investigator I (Protective Services
Specialist IV)
Family Resource Center -- Coordinator/Assistant
Coordinator
First Steps
Initial Services and Primary Services Coordinator
HANDS - FSW Paraprofessional
Head Start/Even Start
Teacher (non-certified), Preschool or Head Start
Teacher, Infant/Toddler Program; Home visitor
Education/Curriculum Specialist
Administrator/Program Director
Kentucky Department of Education – Division of Early
Childhood

Resource and Referral Agencies

Child Care Resource and Referral Specialist One/Two

Curriculum Development Specialist

Director/Assistant Director

University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Agency –
Early Childhood/Family Specialist

University of Kentucky Quality Enhancement Initiative

Professional Development Trainer

Professional Development Counselor

Disability Program Assistant

STARS Rater

University of Kentucky – Institute for Human
Development

Professional Development Trainer – Level 4

Other positions include:

Assessment Coordinator

Child Advocate

Child Care teachers

Child Life Specialist (Hospital setting)

Military Child Care Teachers, Curriculum Specialists,
Directors

Parent Educator/Liaison

Program Administrator or Director

School-Age Program Coordinator

