

Extension of Early Elementary (P-5) certification to Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Birth-Kindergarten)

Kentucky certified teachers in Early Elementary Education (grades P-5) may add certification in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Birth to Age 5) through this program. A minimum 2.75 degree grade point average and a current Kentucky teaching license in Early Elementary Education are required for admission. Teachers apply as graduate, non-degree seeking students.

The program requires specific courses in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education as below:

EDSP 533, Curriculum Methods in IECE/Special Education (3 credit hours)

EDTP 536, Theories of Play (3 credit hours)

EDTP 537, Infant/Toddler Development and Care (3 credit hours)

EDTP 641, IECE Content Methods (3 credit hours)

Elective – select one course:

EDTP 532 Advanced Curriculum Methods in IECE (3 credit hours)

EDSP 683 Screen and Assessment (3 credit hours)

EDSP 684 Early Family Intervention (3 credit hours)

IECE Field Experience (1-3 credit hours) – Clinical field experiences in infant, toddler, and/or preschool classrooms. Number of credit hours determine by faculty advisor's appraisal of experience.

Upon successful completion of the required course work and field experiences, candidates must submit a passing score for the appropriate IECE PRAXIS exam as required by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/ky>.