

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS, BSED

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This program has been retitled to the Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED) in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (E1-BSED-ICED). The name change has been approved effective spring 2025.

This bachelor's degree provides students with the opportunity to develop a strong cross-disciplinary foundation as well as specialized knowledge to work with culturally, linguistically, ability, and socioeconomically diverse young children, families, and other professionals. The courses in the major ensure that students engage in a well-rounded, cohesive program of studies that prepares them to be high-quality early childhood educators. Students may select one of the optional teacher licensure concentrations (i.e., Early Childhood Special Education, Early/Primary Education PreK-3, Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK-3) or a non-licensure sequence to fulfill the requirements for the BSED in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners.

Admissions & Policies

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Admissions

Students entering as freshmen with an interest in majoring in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners will initially be accepted into the Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners, BSED, without concentration.

Four-Year Students

To declare a concentration in Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure), four-year students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- attain a cumulative GPA of 2.50.

To declare a concentration in Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure) or Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure), four-year students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- attain a cumulative GPA of 2.50

Degree-Seeking Transfer Students

To declare a concentration in Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure), transfer students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.50 at previous institution or complete 12 credits at Mason with a 2.50 GPA

To declare a concentration in Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure) or Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure), transfer students must:

- complete a minimum of 45 credits
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.50 at previous institution or complete 12 credits at Mason with a 2.50 GPA

Policies

Students in the licensure concentrations must maintain at least a 2.50 GPA and earn a C or better in their program core and concentration coursework. Prior to applying for internships, students in all licensure concentrations, must successfully complete:

- Emergency First Aid, CPR and AED certification or training
- Virginia Communication & Literacy Assessment (VCLA)
- Praxis Core Math, SAT Math or ACT Math

Students enrolled in the Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Licensure or Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure) concentration must also complete the following:

- Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (prior to applying for internship)
- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education (prior to completing internship)

Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal Code of Virginia.

Requirements

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Degree Requirements

Total credits: 120

Mason Core

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements:		
Written Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)		3
Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)		3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)		3

MATH 106	Quantitative Reasoning (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Information Technology and Computing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)		3
Exploration Requirements:		
Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)		3
Global Contexts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)		3
GG5 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (recommended course)	
Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)		3
Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)		8
Two lab sciences in different disciplines (recommended)		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)		3
Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)		3
Integration Requirement:		
Written Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)		3
ENGH 302	Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Writing Intensive		
ECED 411	Assessment of Diverse Young Learners (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Mason Apex (fulfilled by major requirements)		
Total Credits		38

Program Core Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ECED 201	Introduction to Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners	3
ECED 401	Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence	3
ECED 402	Foundations of Language and Literacy for Diverse Young Learners, Birth-Age 5	3
ECED 403	Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners: Planning Instruction and Guidance	3
ECED 404	Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth – Grade 6	3
ECED 411	Assessment of Diverse Young Learners (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECED 491	Seminar in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners	3
Internship		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ECED 490	Internship in Early Childhood Education (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

ECED 492	Internship in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure) (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECED 493	Internship in Early Childhood Special Education	
Total Credits		33

BSEd without Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ECED 405	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	
ECED 406	Medical and Developmental Aspects of Disabilities of Diverse Young Learners	
ECED 412	Language and Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Primary Grade Learners	
ECED 413	Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners	
ECED 415	Mathematics for Diverse Young Learners	
ECED 416	Science for Diverse Young Learners	
ECED 422	Developing Language, Literacy, and Communication of Diverse Infants and Toddlers	
ECED 423	Early Intervention for Infants Toddlers with Disabilities: Collaborative Consultative Approaches	
Total Credits		12

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select an additional 37 credits from any courses. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/)		37
Students are encouraged to pursue a minor to partially fulfill elective requirements (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_29)		
Total Credits		37

Concentration in Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure) (ECLC)

Code	Title	Credits
ECED 405	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED 406	Medical and Developmental Aspects of Disabilities of Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 422	Developing Language, Literacy, and Communication of Diverse Infants and Toddlers	3
ECED 423	Early Intervention for Infants Toddlers with Disabilities: Collaborative Consultative Approaches	3
Total Credits		12

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select an additional 37 credits from any courses. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/)		37

Students are encouraged to pursue a minor to partially fulfill elective requirements (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_29)

Total Credits	37
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Concentration in Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure) (EPEL)

Code	Title	Credits
ECED 412	Language and Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Primary Grade Learners	3
ECED 413	Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 415	Mathematics for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 416	Science for Diverse Young Learners	3
MATH 110	Introductory Probability (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
or MATH 271	Mathematics for the Elementary School Teachers I	
or MATH course approved by advisor		
Total Credits		15

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select an additional 34 credits from any courses. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/)		34
Students are encouraged to pursue a minor to partially fulfill elective requirements (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_29)		
Total Credits		34

Concentration in Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure) (EEDL)

Code	Title	Credits
ECED 405	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED 406	Medical and Developmental Aspects of Disabilities of Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 412	Language and Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Primary Grade Learners	3
ECED 413	Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 415	Mathematics for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 416	Science for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 422	Developing Language, Literacy, and Communication of Diverse Infants and Toddlers	3
ECED 423	Early Intervention for Infants Toddlers with Disabilities: Collaborative Consultative Approaches	3
MATH 110	Introductory Probability (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
or MATH 271	Mathematics for the Elementary School Teachers I	
or MATH course approved by advisor		
Total Credits		27

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select an additional 22 credits from any courses. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/)		22
Students are encouraged to pursue a minor to partially fulfill elective requirements (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_29)		
Total Credits		22

4-Year Plan

Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners Sample Plan of Study

The sample plan below is a recommended sequencing of courses based on pre-requisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student's needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor and with PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

Without Concentration

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
UNIV 100		1 Global Understanding - GGS 101 recommended	3
Information Technology and Computing		3 Natural Science with Lab - 2nd discipline	4
Natural Science with Lab - 1st discipline	4	Oral Communication	3
Quantitative Reasoning - Math 106 recommended	3	Western Civilization/ World History	3
Written Communication - ENGH 101		3 Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		14	16

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 201		3 Arts	3
Literature - ELED 258 recommended		3 ENGH 302	3

MATH 110 or 271 (or math course approved by advisor)	3	Social/ Behavioral Science	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
15		15	

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 401	3	ECED 411	3
ECED 402	3	ECED 405, 406, 412, 413, 415, 416, 422, or 423	3
ECED 403	3	ECED 405, 406, 412, 413, 415, 416, 422, or 423	3
ECED 404	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
15		15	

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 405, 406, 412, 413, 415, 416, 422, or 423	3	ECED 491	3
ECED 405, 406, 412, 413, 415, 416, 422, or 423	3	ECED 492	12
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3		
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3		

Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
15	

Total Credits 120

Early Childhood Special Education Licensure

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
UNIV 100		1 Global Understanding -GGS 101 recommended	3
Information Technology and Computing	3	Natural Science with Lab - 2nd discipline	4
Natural Science with Lab - 1st discipline	4	Oral Communication	3
Quantitative Reasoning - Math 106 recommended	3	Western Civilization/ World History	3
Written Communication - ENGH 101	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
14		16	

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 201	3	Arts	3
Literature - ELED 258 recommended	3	ENCH 302	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Social/ Behavioral Science	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
15		15	

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 401	3	ECED 411	3
ECED 402	3	ECED 405	3
ECED 403	3	ECED 406	3
ECED 404	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective chosen with advisor	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 422	3	ECED 490	12
ECED 423	3	ECED 491	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3		
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3		
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3		
		15	15

Total Credits 120

Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Licensure

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
UNIV 100	1	Global Understanding - GGS 101 recommended	3
Information Technology and Computing	3	Natural Science with Lab - 2nd discipline	4
Natural Science with Lab - 1st discipline	4	Oral Communication	3

Quantitative Reasoning - Math 106 recommended	3	Western Civilization/ World History	3
Written Communication - ENGH 101	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		14	16

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 201	3	Arts	3
Literature - ELED 258 recommended	3	ENGH 302	3
MATH 110 or 271 (or math course approved by advisor)	3	Social/ Behavioral Science	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 401	3	ECED 411	3
ECED 402	3	ECED 412	3
ECED 403	3	ECED 413	3
ECED 404	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 415	3	ECED 490	12
ECED 416	3	ECED 491	3

Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	
		15

Total Credits 120

Dual Licensure

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
UNIV 100		1 Global Understanding -GGS 101 recommended	3
Information Technology and Computing	3	Natural Science with Lab - 2nd discipline	4
Natural Science with Lab - 1st discipline	4	Oral Communication	3
Quantitative Reasoning - Math 106 recommended	3	Western Civilization/ World History	3
Written Communication - ENGH 101	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		14	16

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 201		3 Arts	3
Literature - ELED 258 recommended	3	ENGH 302	3
MATH 110 or 271 (or math course approved by advisor)	3	Social/ Behavioral Science	3

Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3
		15	15

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 401		3 ECED 405	3
ECED 402		3 ECED 406	3
ECED 403		3 ECED 411	3
ECED 404		3 ECED 412	3
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3	ECED 413	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ECED 415		3 ECED 490	12
ECED 416		3 ECED 491	3
ECED 422		3	
ECED 423		3	
Elective (selected in consultation with an ECDL advisor)	3		
		15	15

Total Credits 120

Detailed four year plans and degree planning checklists can be found at <https://advising.gmu.edu/academic-planning/>.