

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR (BS)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/educationearlychildhood.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

The bachelor of science with a major in early childhood education includes a range of essential foundational “core” classes as well as courses in specialized areas pertinent to teaching and learning at early childhood developmental levels. The content of the courses in each program is guided by national standards and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction teacher standards as well as five integrated themes identified as foundational elements which are embedded in each education course: collaboration with regional partners to support clinical experiences, culturally responsive teaching, reflective practice, civic engagement and empowerment, and the integration of digital technology to enhance teaching and learning.

**Early Childhood – Education Licensure: ages birth – 8, grades K-3 Requires a minimum of 140 clinical hours.**

## Degree Requirements

See the Degree Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science policy in the Academic Catalog. Completing the degree requirements does not automatically lead to an endorsement for a teaching license. Student must meet the teaching license requirements listed below.

### Licensure Requirements

All majors or pathways leading to licensure must meet the requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). DPI may make changes to the requirements for licensure at any time that may affect the teacher education program. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that they are meeting with the teacher education advisor regularly to ensure that they have the most current licensure information.

A Tier II Wisconsin teaching license may be issued to a student who has received endorsement from the teacher education program's Certification Officer. In order for a student to be endorsed for licensure, they must meet all requirements of the Exit Level Proficiency Policy.

- Successful completion of a licensable major or pathway, academic minor (if required for licensure), baccalaureate degree (if applicable) and UW-Parkside teacher education program (including student teaching).
- Successful completion of all clinical program requirements.
- Successful completion of the required content knowledge assessment.
- Successful completion of the Foundations of Reading Test (FORT) (for majors/pathways in early childhood, elementary education, and special education).
- Successful completion of the pedagogical knowledge assessment determined by the program.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale **and** a department (EDU) GPA of 3.0 or higher in the teacher education program (all EDU courses) with no single EDU course grade

lower than a C+ (with the exception of student teaching coursework, which requires a grade of CR.)

## Requirements for the Early Childhood Education Major

The early childhood education major is a A+B articulation program in cooperation with the Wisconsin Technical College System. A student must first complete the A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education from a Wisconsin Technical Colleges institution prior to enrolling at UW-Parkside and declaring a Bachelor of Science with a major in Early Childhood Education. Program to program transfer courses/credits are accepted only for the degree specified in the articulation agreement. Admission to UW-Parkside does not guarantee admission to the early childhood education major.

Complete clinical and residency requirements; complete pre-residency requirements; comply with content knowledge policy.

### Recommended General Education Courses

The teacher education program is committed to supporting the liberal arts education at UW-Parkside through the general education program. The teacher education program recommends the following courses that meet both the university general education requirements as well as content knowledge policy requirements. Alternate courses may be substituted for courses on this list; however, students should consult with the teacher education advisor each semester to ensure that they understand and are meeting requirements of the program's content knowledge policy.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Humanities and the Arts</b>		
COMM 105	Public Speaking for the 21st Century	3
ENGL 167	Introduction to Literature	3
Choose any two courses from the general education list to complete the required 12 credits		6
Humanities and the Arts Subtotal		12
<b>Social and Behavioral Science</b>		
HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction	3
or HIST 102	The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times	
HIST 119	Western Civilization II: The Middle Ages to 1815	3
or HIST 128	World History III: From 1800 to the Present	
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 101	Geography of American Ethnicity and Race	
GEOG 105	Contemporary Human Geography	
GEOG 110	Introduction to Geography: World Regions	
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 101	The American Economy	
POLS 100	American Politics	
POLS 105	Introduction to Politics	
Social and Behavioral Science Subtotal		12
<b>Natural and Health Sciences</b>		
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIOS 100	Nature of Life	
BIOS 101	Bioscience	
BIOS 103	Human Biology	
Select one of the following:		3-4

GEOG 100	Physical Geography and the Environment	
GEOS 100	Earth in Perspective	
PHYS 110	Introduction to Astronomy	
PHYS 120	Astronomy of Native America	
Select one of the following:		3-4
CHEM 100	The World of Chemistry	
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	
PHYS 101	Principles of Physics	
Choose any course from the Natural Sciences general education list to complete the required 12 credits (if needed)		3-4
Natural and Health Sciences Subtotal		12-16
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36-40</b>

## Required Major Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Complete AAS in WTCS Early Childhood Education</b>		
Required for admission into the major		
<b>Pre-Professional Sequence</b>		
EDU 210	Exploring Equity In Education	1
EDU 212	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	3
Pre-Professional Sequence Subtotal		4
<b>Developing Expertise Sequence</b>		
EDU 304	Context and Culture In Learning Environments	3
EDU 312	Designing Learner-Centered Lesson Plans	3
EDU 325	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition	3
EDU 332	Foundations of Literacy	2
EDU 333	Children's and Adolescent Literature and New Literacies	3
Developing Expertise Sequence Subtotal		14
<b>Demonstrating Expertise in Practice Sequence</b>		
EDU 430	Using Action Research to Improve Instruction	2
EDU 431	Teaching Developmental Mathematics, Grades K-3	3
EDU 432	Teaching Developmental Literacy, Grades K-3	3
EDU 433	Teaching Developmental Science, Grades K-9	3
EDU 440	Teacher Preparation Portfolio Design	2
Demonstrating Expertise in Practice Sequence Subtotal		13
<b>The Residency</b>		
EDU 420	Residency Seminar	2
EDU 425	Residency (Student Teaching)	10
The Residency Subtotal		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>43</b>

## General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8

Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

\*\* Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Reading and Writing</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
<b>Computational Skills</b>		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	College Mathematics with Applications	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>7-8</b>

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
MATH 102	Quantitative Reasoning	4
ENGL 100	Fundamentals of English	3
Introductory Language		4
COMM 107	Communication and the Human Condition	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
COMM 105	Public Speaking for the 21st Century	3
or COMM 205		or Oral Interpretation
COMM 108	Media and Society	3
Introductory Language		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>