

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P–3) & TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

² Requires 175 hours of clinical practice.

³ Requires 15 weeks of full-time clinical practice.

This program is designed for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree and want to qualify for their first instructional certificate. It prepares teacher candidates to work in general, inclusive, and special education settings with young children in preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and Grades 1–3. It leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching degree and eligibility for New Jersey instructional certification in Early Childhood Education (P–3) and a Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD) endorsement.

Requirements

- Completion of prerequisite courses: Child and Adolescent Development (3) and Educational Psychology (3);
- Completion of the 46-credit Elementary Education component;
- Qualifying scores on a NJ Department of Education approved test of basic skills (PRAXIS CORE, ACT, SAT or GRE, or a combination of these);
- Passing score on the Praxis II exam in Elementary Education (Multiple Subjects);
- Passing scores on the three GCU exams: Physiology and Hygiene (P&H); Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB); Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (CARE);
- Satisfactory ratings in clinical practice, including recommendation for certification; and
- Maintenance of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required to remain in the program (note: students with grade point averages between 2.75 and 2.99 may qualify to be in the Limited CEAS Pilot Program and should speak to their Advisor about this possibility).

M.A.T. in Early Childhood Education (P–3)

Code	Title	Credits
EDC5110	Ethics & Foundations of Incl & SpEd	3.0
EDC5038	Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3.0
EDC5999	Field Experience in Special Education ¹	1.0
ECE5201	Instr Des & Techn Integ in Incl ECE	3.0
ECE5202	Instr in ELA & Lit I in Incl ECE & SpEd	3.0
EDC5403	Evi-Based Prac for Inst Stdnts w/ Autism	3.0
ECE5203	Numeracy in Incl ECE & SpEd	3.0
EDC5402	Accom Mod & Asst Techn for SWD	3.0
ECE5204	Inst Lit II & SS Incl ECE & SpEd	3.0
ECE5205	Sci & Tech in Incl ECE & SpEd	3.0
EDC5206	Educational Assessment	3.0
ECE6212	Coll Plan w/ Family School & Comm ECE ²	3.0
ECE6302	Early Childhood Clinical Practice ³	9.0
ECE6303	Reflective Practice in EC & SpEd	3.0
Total Credits		46.0

¹ Requires 50 hours of clinical experience.