The Department of Early Childhood and Reading offers an online graduate program enabling students to obtain a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education. Curriculum Option 1 is for students who are currently certified in Early Childhood Education, and want the MEd in degree. Curriculum Option 2 is for students who are certified in Elementary Education and desire certification in Early Childhood Education (Pre-K-3)*.

The online Master’s program in Early Childhood Education is designed to be completed by students in less than two years of part-time study. Students may enroll in one course per semester if they desire and may also begin the program in the summer or spring, although the sequence of course offerings is optimal with a fall start. A one-week summer residency is completed during the first summer of the program.

**Admission Requirements:** All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, 310 Scotland Road, Butterfield Hall, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email gradstudies@edinboro.edu or fax 814-732-2611.

1. Complete the online graduate application (gradschool.edinboro.edu).
2. Application Fee: $30
3. An official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution (not needed if degree was earned at Edinboro).
4. For students with a QPA below 2.80, score from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the aptitude test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), are required. Additional information may be requested after a review of test scores and transcripts.
5. Copy of a valid elementary teaching certificate submitted with application (not needed for PA certified teachers).

**Application Deadline:** This program has rolling admissions. There is no guarantee that the School of Graduate Studies can process an application for admission less than six weeks prior to the semester start date to which enrollment is sought.

**Note:** Certification procedures in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require that the candidates must pass the PECT Early Childhood Exam required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education before certification will be granted. Candidates seeking certification in another state shall follow the corresponding procedures required by the given state. Only international students who hold immigrant status, and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen, are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

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**Option 1. Candidates not seeking Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification (8667)**

**Required Courses (27 cr. hrs.)**

- ECED 700 Development of Young Learners
- ECED 710 Issues and Trends in Early Literacy Development
- ECED 715 Curriculums in Early Childhood Education
- ECED 720 Math and Science for Young Children **
- ECED 730 Observation, Documentation, and Assessment in Early Childhood **
- ECED 740 Family, School and Community: Partnerships in Early Childhood Education
- ECED 750 Play, Research and Advocacy
- EDUC 788 Research in Education
- SPED 710 Seminar in Exceptionalities

**Elective Choices (3 cr. hrs.)**

- ECED 705 A Comparison of Early Childhood Education Models in Europe and the United States
- ECED 760 Kindergarten Education

*(see reverse for more information)*
Option 2. Candidates seeking Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification

A. Candidates holding Elementary Education Certification (36 cr. hrs.)

ECED 700 Development of Young Learners
ECED 710 Issues and Trends in Early Literacy Development
ECED 715 Curriculums in Early Childhood Education
ECED 720 Math and Science for Young Children **
ECED 730 Observation, Documentation, and Assessment in Early Childhood**
ECED 740 Family, School and Community: Partnerships in Early Childhood Education
ECED 750 Play, Research and Advocacy
ECED 776 Theory and Practice in Early Childhood
EDUC 788 Research in Education
SPED 710 Seminar in Exceptionalities
SPED 760 Early Intervention and Working with Families
ECED 695 Graduate Field Experience in Early Childhood Education

**Completed during summer residency

B. Candidates not holding Elementary Education Certification

ECED 200 Planning, Designing and Maintaining Early Learning Environment
ECED 210 Play and Active Learning Approaches to Early Childhood Education
ECED 320 Literacy Foundations (Grades 1-4)
ECED 330 Language Arts (Grades 1-4)
ECED 340 Methods of Teaching Social Studies
ECED 243 Creative Expressive Arts
ECED 350 Learning and Teaching Math in Grades 1-4
ECED 360 Learning and Teaching Science in Grades 1-4
ECED 370 Differentiated Reading in Grades 1-4
ECED 380 Data Driven Assessment for Student Learning
ECED 795 Student Teaching
ECED 695 Graduate Field Experience
ECED 700 Development of Young Learners
ECED 710 Issues and Trends in Early Literacy Development
ECED 715 Curriculums in Early Childhood Education
ECED 720 Math and Science for Young Children **
ECED 730 Observation, Documentation, and Assessment in Early Childhood**
ECED 740 Family, School and Community: Partnerships in Early Childhood Education
ECED 750 Play, Research and Advocacy
ECED 776 Theory and Practice in Early Childhood
EDUC 788 Research in Education
SEDU 702 Teaching in the Contemporary Multicultural Classroom
SEDU 731 Applied Technological Integration in Education
SPED 370 Adaptations and Accommodations
SPED 710 Seminar in Exceptionalities
ECED 695 Graduate Field Experience in Early Childhood Education

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Degree Requirements: Individuals must comply with the degree requirements for the Master’s Degrees listed under Academic Standards and Policies in this catalogue. In addition to these requirements, the individual must meet the following requirements:

Research Requirements. Candidates for the Master of Education Degree in Early Childhood must conduct an independent study related to their major field. This action research project is conducted while enrolled in ECED 750 Play, Research and Advocacy.

There are two requirements that you need to fulfill before being cleared to graduate: 1) Complete the Knowledge, skills and dispositions survey on Live text and 2) Complete a brief exit interview and email it back to the program head. Certification procedures in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require that if candidates have taken and passed the Fundamental Subjects PECT test within the last ten years of when you finish taking the required ECE courses, you do not need to take another Praxis exam. If you have not taken this Praxis exam or took it longer than 10 years ago, you will need to pass it to get your PA certification.

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the master's degree in Early Childhood Education, please contact Dr. Karen Lindeman at (814) 732-1550 (klindeman@edinboro.edu).
Office for Students with Disabilities: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462 t/tty. For additional information, visit the OSD web page.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of Fall, Spring, and Summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (Fall and Spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the Summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (814) 735-3500 or finaid@edinboro.edu

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester.

Veterans' Education Benefits Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, http://www.gibill.va.gov/. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and used by persons with a disability, contact Office for Students with Disabilities at the Crawford Center (814-732-2462 V/TTY).