



## Early Childhood Education

### Master of Science in Education

The 36-42 credit program leads to an M.S.Ed. degree in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), general education. The program leads to initial and professional certification in New York State and are designed for candidates who have received no previous certification in early childhood but may have certification in a related area, in keeping with the State's emphasis on dual certification. The program is designed to prepare reflective practitioners in urban early childhood settings. Our Early Childhood Graduate Program is nationally approved and accredited. We are committed to preparing competent, qualified, ethical, and reflective practitioners for service in diverse communities who believe in promoting care, justice, and equity in urban settings. Our students work in infant and child care settings, Head Start programs and in our public and private school systems, in Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, First and Second grades.

#### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent from an accredited college or university (transcripts from a university outside of the United States must be evaluated by an approved agency)
  - Have attained a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 500-word essay in English outlining your journey to a master's degree, your intellectual and academic experiences and interests, accomplishments, and career objectives
- Interview with faculty member

#### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the M.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), students must fulfill the following requirements:

- Summit passing scores on the EAS and CST exams, as well as a university-based early childhood certification exam.
- Complete 36-42 credits of prescribed course work
- Submit professional portfolio
- Submit application for Initial or Professional Certification
- Students must complete courses in three competency areas, including a supervised teaching experience
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**Competency Area I: Foundations in Early Childhood Development and Education (18 credits) Credits**

EDC 721	Child Study and Developmental Assessment, Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 722	Child Development and Program Design in Early Childhood Settings, Birth to Grade 2	3
EDS 702	The Young Child with Special Needs	3
EDC 735	Family, School, and Community Interaction in Early Childhood Settings, Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 709	Multilingualism in the Classroom, Birth to Grade Six	3
<b>OR</b>		
EBS 701	Issues in Bilingualism	3

Requirements for continuation:

- 1) Complete all courses with a 3.0 GPA

**Competency Area II: Professional Coursework in Early Childhood Development and Education (21 credits) Credits**

EDC 713	Literacy Development in Early Childhood Settings, Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 714	Social Studies Concept Development in Early Childhood Settings, Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 715	Mathematical Concept Formation in Early Childhood Settings – Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 716	Developing Young Children’s Concepts in Art, Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 717	Developing Science Concepts in Early Childhood Settings – Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 718	Developing Music Appreciation in Early Childhood Settings – Birth to Grade 2	3

Requirements for continuation:

- 1) Successful completion of all requirements and submission of application to the Office of Clinical Experience
- 2) Complete all methods courses in Competency Areas II

**Student Teaching and Seminar (6 credits) Credits**

EDC 795	Student Teaching/Internship Seminar	3
<b>OR</b>		
EDC 784	Supervised Internship – Birth to Grade 2	3
EDC 790	Supervised Student Teaching Internship – Birth to Grade 2	3

Requirements for continuation:

- 1) Successfully complete student teaching or internship

**Competency Area III: Professional Practice in Childhood Education (3 credits) Credits**

EDC 756	Teacher as Researcher and Writer	3
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**Program Requirements:**

- 1) Submit an academic portfolio with evidence of achieved outcomes
- 2) Apply for Initial Certification

**Questions about the program?**

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**Questions about admissions?**

The Office of Graduate Admissions  
<http://www.lehman.edu/admissions>