The Early Childhood Education program at the University of Minnesota Crookston emphasizes a developmental approach to teaching and learning, integrating the fields of child development, early childhood education, family relations, and small business management. Graduates are uniquely qualified to be effective teachers of young children (from birth through age 8 or 3rd grade) and/or to manage high-quality early childhood programs. Students who complete the primary education emphasis in this major will be eligible to apply for a Minnesota Teachers License.

**MAJOR EMPHASIS AREAS**

- Primary Education:
  - Includes preparation for birth through 3rd grade licensure.

- Program Management

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

- This degree program has four academic core areas of required coursework—education core, early childhood and family core, infant and toddler education core, and preprimary education core—and two areas of emphasis—primary education and program management where you can obtain your Minnesota State Teacher Licensure. These courses and their required clinical teaching experiences will prepare graduates to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally appropriate learning experiences for young children in early childhood settings, to collaborate with families, to effectively manage resources (human, fiscal, physical), and to communicate with the community.

- Under the supervision of UMC’s faculty, students gain experience working directly with children in different “lab” settings. Observation, seminar, and resource rooms provide areas for students to prepare lesson plans and to analyze interactions.

- Graduates communicate their understanding of the foundations of early childhood education and the effects of societal conditions on children and families, identify and use ethical guidelines and other professional standards in their practice, and engage in reflective practice and professional development as informed advocates for sound educational practices and policies.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM

Program Requirements - 44.5 credits

ECE3410 - Learning Environments for Infants and Toddlers (4.0 cr)
ECE4440 - Infant and Toddler Student Teaching (4.0 cr)
ECE4700 - Creative Arts and Language Arts: Preprimary (4.0 cr)
ECE4702 - Mathematics, Social Studies, and Sciences: Preprimary (4.0 cr)
ECE4730 - Understanding and Supporting Parenting (3.0 cr)
ED2200 - Foundations of Education (3.0 cr)
ED2300 - Introduction to Early Childhood and Elementary Education (3.0 cr)
ED3000 - Cultural Immersion (1.0 cr)
ED3009 - Human Relations in Diversity (1.0 cr)
ED3010 - Child Guidance and Classroom Management (3.0 cr)
ED3110 - Educational Psychology (3.0 cr)
ED3500 - Introduction to Children with Special Needs (2.0 cr)
ED3901 - The Professional Teacher I (0.5 cr)
ED4500 - Teaching in Inclusive Learning Environments (2.0 cr)
ED4750 - Family, School, and Community Relations (3.0 cr)
ED4830 - Leading and Collaborating in Education (3.0 cr)
PUBH3005 - Fundamentals of Alcohol and Drug Abuse for Teacher Education (UMTC) (1.0 cr)

Liberal Education Requirements
BIOL1000 - Biology and Society (4.0 cr)
COMPl011 - Composition I (3.0 cr)
COMPl013 - Composition II (3.0 cr)
ED2100 - Child and Adolescent Development and Learning (3.0 cr)
SPCH1101 - Public Speaking (3.0 cr)

Art Requirements - take 3 credits of any Art courses.
ED2000 - Educational Technology for P-12th Settings (2.0 cr)
ED4000 - Educational Technology Applications (1.0 cr)

Technology Requirements - Students must take 3 credits.

The primary education emphasis is for students who wish to teach in public school classrooms with kindergarten through third grade, as well as early childhood education programs for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Primary Education Emphasis - 39 credits

ECE3420 - Nurturing and Collaborative Relationships for Infants and Toddlers (2.0-3.0 cr)
ECE4811 - Preschool Student Teaching (6.0-8.0 cr)
ECE4812 - Kindergarten Student Teaching (4.0 cr)
ED2877 - Social Studies in Elementary Education (2.0 cr)
ED2878 - Science in Elementary Education (2.0 cr)
ED3201 - Reading and Language Arts I (4.0 cr)
ED3202 - Reading and Language Arts II (2.0 cr)
ED3301 - Creating Meaning Through Literature and Arts (4.0 cr)
ED3850 - Mathematics for Elementary Teaching (2.0 cr)
ED3902 - Mathematics in Elementary Education (3.0 cr)
ED4827 - The Professional Teacher II (1.0 cr)
ED4828 - Elementary Student Teaching (7.0 cr)

Program Management Emphasis - 26.5 credits

The program management emphasis is for students who wish to increase their academic preparation for supervisory, management, and/or leadership roles in child care and education programs.

ACCT2101 - Principles of Accounting I (3.0 cr)
ECE3420 - Nurturing and Collaborative Relationships for Infants and Toddlers (2.0-3.0 cr)
ECE4811 - Preschool Student Teaching (6.0-8.0 cr)
ECE4883 - Student Experiences in Program Management (3.5 cr)
MGMT3200 - Principles of Management (3.0 cr)
MGMT3210 - Supervision and Leadership (3.0 cr)
MGMT3220 - Human Resource Management (3.0 cr)

Electives- 6 credits required. Students may choose only one course with an ED prefix.
Take 2 or more course(s) totaling 6 or more credit(s) from the following:
CA1040 - Web Site Development (3.0 cr)
COMM2900 - Business Writing (3.0 cr)
CRJS2500 - Public Relations (3.0 cr)
ED2XXX - ED 3rd Pre-Reader (3.0 cr)
ENTR2200 - Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Small Business (3.0 cr)
HLTH1062 - Enactus (1.0 cr)
MGMT3600 - First Aid and CPR (2.0 cr)
ECE4811 - Change, Creativity, and Innovation Management (3.0 cr)

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