"It is not enough for the teacher to love the child. She must first love and understand the universe."

Maria Montessori

Now you can receive a bachelor’s degree and also be certified to teach children birth through age 8.

Even before your student teaching begins, you’ll take your methods courses at a local school and work in early childhood classrooms. This gives you the opportunity to apply what you’re learning in a real classroom with real children. By the time you graduate, you’ll know exactly what it’s like working with young children in schools. Another benefit: All our school sites are chosen for their excellent teachers and programs.

Picture a brighter future!
The value of a cohort

The Early Childhood Education Program is a cohort program that begins in the fall semester and continues for two years.

In the cohort setting, you proceed through the program with a group of students as focused and dedicated as you are.

Throughout your four semesters, you will observe and work with children in preschool and K-2 educational settings. Your classes and work in preschool and K-2 educational settings complement each other, as theory and practice blend together for a perfect mix!

Your program of study:

FOUNDATION COURSES
- Schooling in America
- Child Development
- Early Language Acquisition and Literacy Development
- Cultural Pluralism for Young Children

ADVANCED COURSES
- Classroom Processes and Instruction
- Children’s Literature, Birth – Age 8
- Methods of Educational Assessment
- Inclusive Education for Students with Diverse Abilities
- Structured English Immersion

METHODS COURSES
- Language Arts and Communication
- Reading and Decoding
- Science and Health
- Math and Technology
- Social Science and Multiculturalism
- Fine Arts

STUDENT TEACHING
- You’ll be in both preschool and K-2 classrooms.

Master the best ways to:

- Create developmentally appropriate and appealing learning environments for young children
- Reflect on your own teaching to create equitable learning for all students
- Design, plan, and implement early childhood instruction
- Modify instruction and learning environments based on the children in your classroom
- Develop and maintain communication with children’s family and community members