

Program: Curriculum and Instruction **Dept:** Curriculum and Instruction
Major: Early Childhood Education **College:** Education and Professional Studies
Degree: Master of Education (M.Ed.) **Major Code:** 3852

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to provide an advanced program of study focusing on the developmentally appropriate care and education of children from birth through age eight within various early childhood and elementary school settings. Students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate a basic knowledge of educational research, including research procedures and methods; sources and formats utilized for presenting education research; critical review of research reports; and the preparation and defense of a research proposal.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to Jackson College of Graduate Studies, 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404, Edmond, OK 73034:

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of graduate and undergraduate transcripts from each institute attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum 2.75 overall GPA or 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.*
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year).
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:

- Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher;
- Passing all core courses with at least a "B", and having no more than six credit hours of "C".
- No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

Graduation Requirements

Program Core.....15 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CIED	5151	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Curriculum & Instruction
CIED	5213	Curriculum Inquiry
CIED	5253	Teachers as Researchers OR
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educational Research
CIED	5333	Critical Issues in Education
TESL	5212	Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Schools
CIED	5373	Curriculum Design Theories

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Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ECED	5433	Theoretical Perspectives of Learning and Practice
ECED	5233	Educ Practices of Constructivist Teachers
ECED	5063	Dev., Lrng., Fam. Involvement: Birth - 3
*ECED	5332	Science in Early Childhood Education
*ECED	5342	Social Studies in Early Childhood Education
ELED	5263	Assessment/Intervention Reading K-3
ELED	5323	Teaching Mathematics in Preschool/Primary

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 34 HOURS

Accelerated Degree Pathway: B.S. to M.Ed.

UCO's Early Childhood Education Master's in Curriculum and Instruction has partnered with the B.S. in Early Childhood Education so that approved students may take up to ten credit hours of 5000-level ECED/ELED courses during their senior year of the B.S. program. These courses will count toward both the B.S. and M.Ed. degrees. A formal application to the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education program and an approval from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction are required. Up to ten credit hours of the following courses can be used to satisfy both the B.S. in Early Childhood Education and the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction - Early Childhood Education: ECED 5332 Science in Early Childhood, ECED 5342 Social Studies in Early Childhood, ELED 5263 Assessment/Intervention Reading K-3, ELED 5323 Teaching Mathematics in Preschool/Primary.