

Program:	Early Childhood Education	Dept:	Curriculum and Instruction
Major:	Early Childhood Education	College:	Education and Professional Studies
Degree:	Master of Education (M.Ed.)	Major Code:	3630

Early Childhood Education, M.Ed.

The master's degree Early Childhood Education 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 both within and outside of public schools. The student 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. The Early Childhood Education program emphasizes the whole child and exposes the student to the scientific knowledge bases regarding: 1) development of children, 2) learning theory, and 3) appropriate educational practices as well as the opportunity to develop competence in working with parents of young children.

The scientific and theoretical foundation for the program is the study of the Constructivist Theory as it relates to cognitive and affective development and the implications for the care and education of young children. The curriculum is designed to provide an individualized program of study based on the student's experience and professional goals.

Other areas addressed include: assessment issues and techniques, sociocultural aspects related to diverse backgrounds, principles of play in child development, and principles of guidance, professionalism and advocacy.

Note: A master's degree in Early Childhood Education does not fulfill the requirements for initial certification/licensure by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Additional coursework will be included in the master's degree plan of study for those who desire to obtain certification through UCO's teacher preparation program or those who do not have a background in Early Childhood Education.

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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/).
- Submit official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum 2.75 GPA or 2.75 in the last 60 hours completed.*
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses prior to enrolling in ECED 5900 Practicum: ECED 4073/5073, ECED 4133/5133; ELED 4063/5046; ELED 4323/5323; ELED 4263/5263; ECED 4443; FMCD 3313 with a grade of "C" or better or a plan of study for certification and master's degree in ECED.
- Students with a native language other than English must have a minimum TOEFL iBT score of 24 on the written examination, and must meet the requirements included in the Admission to Graduate Studies section - English Language Proficiency (pp. 17-18).

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

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies 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;
- No more than six hours of "C".
- Certification Examination. When applicable, completion of all requirements for taking the three Oklahoma Teacher Certification Exams for Early Childhood Education and submission of certification exam scores to the Office of Teacher Education Services and the candidate's graduate advisor as each is passed.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline. Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....31 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CIED	5151	Intro to Graduate Studies in C&I
ECED	5042	Empowering Family, Communities and Schools
ECED	5063	Dev., Lrng, Fam. Involvement: Birth - 3
ECED	5103	Dev., Lrng, Fam Involvement: 4-8
ECED	5153	Dev. Assessment Issues in Early Childhood
ECED	5223	Ed. Practices of Constructivist Teachers
ECED	5232	Affirming Diversity: Multicultural Education
ECED	5433	Theoretical Perspect. of Lrng and Practice
ECED	5512	Prof and Advocacy in Early Childhood
ECED	5883	Teachers as Researchers
ECED	5900	Practicum - 3 credit hours
ESFR	5013	Foundations of Educational Research

Approved Electives3 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 34 HOURS