2026-27 Academic Year

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PK-3)

Supplemental endorsement (graduate level)

The Early Childhood Education supplemental endorsement is a graduate-level, non-degree program designed for educators who want to expand their knowledge and credentials to better serve young learners in grades PK–3. This fully online endorsement strengthens practical classroom skills in early childhood curriculum and teaching methods, child development, assessment, and effective family and community partnerships. Coursework also includes hands-on learning through observation and applied practice in an early childhood setting, helping educators bring research-based strategies directly into their work with children.

This endorsement is intended to support initial teaching licensure/certification in Nebraska. Students seeking licensure/certification in another state should contact the Department of Education in that state for specific licensure requirements.

fast facts

Endorsement offered: Non-degree supplemental endorsement in Early Childhood Education (PK-3)

Note: This endorsement is only available to students who hold a current Elementary Education teaching certificate.

Credit hours: 18

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.90 + $165.55 fees)*

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Early childhood curriculum and teaching methods
- Teaching across early learning subjects
- Early childhood assessment (PK–3)
- Child development foundations
- Curriculum development fundamentals
- Early childhood program administration
- Family, school, and community partnerships
- Observation, practice, and applied research

Possible Careers

- Preschool teacher
- Childcare center director
- Early childhood educator
- Kindergarten teacher
- Early childhood program administrator
- Child development specialist
- Early learning curriculum specialist
- Family engagement coordinator

Types of Employers

- Public and private schools
- Head start programs
- Child development centers
- Early learning centers
- Before- and after-school programs
- Early childhood organizations and nonprofits
- Family support agencies
- Community programs

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Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com*.

Accredited by CAEP
WSC's educator preparation programs are nationally accredited by CAEP, providing assurance that our programs meet rigorous standards of excellence.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Early Childhood Education (PK-3) supplemental endorsement (18 credit hours)

EDU 605 Curriculum and Methods Appropriate for Ages Birth-8 3
EDU 617 Assessment of Needs for Young Children Birth-8 3
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation 0
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 3
FCS 604 Infants/Toddlers Through Primary Children Birth-8 3
FCS 611 Administration of Early Childhood Education Programs and Coordination of Community Partnerships 3
FCS 616 Early Childhood Practicum and Applied Research 3

Licensure/certification information:
Wayne State's Early Childhood Education supplemental endorsement for graduate students is designed to prepare you for initial teacher licensure/certification in Nebraska. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification in a state other than Nebraska, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that state to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

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