

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

Early Childhood Education

Department of Teaching and Learning



Program Overview and Highlights

The Early Childhood Education Program is designed to develop knowledgeable, responsive and innovative professionals committed to creating dynamic and stimulating learning environments with an emphasis on inquiry, creativity and reflectivity. This clinically rich program embraces a pedagogy of social justice, community-engaged scholarship and active participation in diverse partnership school settings.

This is a full-time, cohort-style program with clinical experiences in pre-kindergarten and primary grades. Courses for earning an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement are included in this program.

Some courses in this program include:

- Creative and Affective Experiences for Young Children
- Child, Teacher, and Parent Relationship
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Young Children
- Math/Science/Social Studies for Young Children

What Can I Do with this Degree?

Upon successful completion of this state-approved program, students are eligible for initial teacher certification from the Florida Department of Education in pre-kindergarten/primary grades (age 3 - grade 3) and are competitive applicants for positions such as:

- Classroom teacher positions in:
 - Preschool (Voluntary PreKindergarten, Head Start)
 - Primary Grades (Kindergarten and grades 1-3)
- Preschool Director

Student Organizations & Involvement

The College of Education encourages participation in campus organizations, including:

- eduCARE, the College of Education's Living Learning Community
- The SunCoast Area Teacher Training and Educational Research Program (SCATTER), the College of Education's Honors Program
- Kappa Delta Pi, the College of Education's chapter of the international honor society in the field of education

Admissions Requirements

To be admitted to this program, students must submit a separate application to the College of Education. Students must also:

- Be admitted to the University of South Florida
- Have a 2.5 or higher GPA
- Complete pre-requisite coursework
- Successfully complete all sections of the FTCE General Knowledge Test

Visit www.usf.edu/education/advising/undergraduate/coedu-applications.aspx for application links and deadlines.

Select programs may have additional application requirements. Please visit an advisor to review specific program guidelines.

Scholarships & Financial Assistance

Students are encouraged to inquire about scholarships, grants, loans and repayment programs to help finance their education. Financial aid information, including application guidelines and eligibility requirements, can be found at:

- www.usf.edu/financial-aid
- www.usf.edu/education/undergraduate/scholarships-grants.aspx

For more information, please contact:

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