



Early Childhood Birth Through Second Grade

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(Effective through 07/27/2024)

1. Complete the general requirements for all educator licenses: [General License Requirements](#)
2. Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited college/university; and
3. Complete thirty-five (35) semester credits of coursework in early childhood education for children who are developing typically and atypically consisting of:
 - a. Six (6) semester credits in child development and learning, with the content of the courses covering diversity in culture, language and ability.
 - b. Twelve (12) semester credits in early childhood curriculum and program implementation that includes at least one course in each of the following subjects:
 - i. Language and literacy
 - ii. Mathematics and science
 - iii. Social studies
 - iv. Strategies for working with children with disabilities
 - c. Three (3) additional semester credits in early childhood curriculum and program implementation, consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:
 - i. Curriculum for infants and toddlers
 - ii. Early childhood classroom management
 - iii. Integrated curriculum
 - iv. Play theory and creativity
 - v. Positive discipline and guidance for young children; or
 - vi. Technology
 - d. Three (3) semester credits in family and community relations, including working with families
 - e. Three (3) semester credits in assessment and evaluation for early childhood education
 - f. Eight (8) credits of student teaching involving pupils in at least two different age groups, one of which must have included pupils in the first or second grade and one of which must have included pupils of any age from birth through kindergarten. At least one of the groups must have included pupils with and without disabilities. In lieu of completing eight (8) credits of student teaching, a person may have one (1) year of verifiable experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a licensed private school.

Pathway for educators who hold a current, valid, non-alternative Elementary Education license:

1. Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited college/university; and
2. Experience teaching pupils under six (six) years of age that consists of:
 - a. Eight (8) semester credits of student teaching OR
 - b. One (1) year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency, or a licensed private school OR
 - c. An equivalent field experience or practicum conducted by an accredited college or university
3. Six (6) semester credits of coursework in early childhood education consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:
 - a. Early childhood curriculum
 - b. Emergent language and literacy
 - c. Play theory and creativity
4. Six (6) additional semester credits of courses in any of the courses described in section 3 or in any of the following subjects:
 - a. Child development from birth to 8 years of age
 - b. Diversity in young children
 - c. Introduction to early childhood education
 - d. Positive discipline and guidance for young children
 - e. Working with families with young children