Early childhood education

Why choose Early Childhood Education at WSU?
- Placement rate is close to 100 percent—our graduates are considered the best and are highly recruited
- Low student to teacher ratio
- Accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) approved program
- Prekindergarten practica and student teaching in the Melba S. Lehner Children’s School
- Diverse field placements and student teaching placements
- Preparation for teaching prekindergarten through third grade
- Collaboration with Teacher Education

What kinds of degrees are available?
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Art (BA)
- Teacher Licensure

What courses are offered through distance learning?
- CHF 1500 Human Development
- CHF 2400 Family Relations
- CHF 2500 Birth through Eight
- CHF 2570 Middle Childhood

What are the employment opportunities?
When you complete a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, you will be prepared to teach in programs which serve children from infancy through eight years of age (pre-K through third grade). You will have the option of adding elementary education to your preparation and holding dual licensure (first through sixth grade). Most graduates take positions in public school kindergarten or primary classrooms.

What are the starting salaries for graduates?
The starting salary is $35,000 plus with the potential of increasing with several years of service and additional education.

What will I learn in the program?
You will learn and apply principles and theories of educating young children through developmentally appropriate practices.

What courses will I take in this program?
The required courses and a typical schedule are listed inside this sheet.
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PROGRAM PREREQUISITE
Complete at least 40 credit hours of general education and relevant prerequisite courses and meet the teacher education admission and licensure requirements.

Minor/Concentration
Not required.

Grade Requirements
Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher in all college work and achieve at least a "B-" grade in each professional education course to continue the program. A grade of "C" or better in each course (except professional education courses) is required.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
CHF SS 1500 (Human Development) is prerequisite to most child and family studies courses and will fulfill a general education requirement. COMM HU 1020 (Principles of Public Speaking) or COMM 2110 (Intro to Interpersonal and Small Group Communication) may be taken to fulfill both a support course and general education requirement. A science class with a lab is a requirement for Teacher Education.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
For early childhood education majors, there are four (4) areas of course work that are required:
(1) General education requirements
(2) Support course requirements
(3) Child and Family Studies requirements
(4) Elementary teacher education requirements.
See details for each of these required areas below.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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<td>LS 1370, PS 1350, PS 1360 (select at least one of the three courses listed above. Students must have a lab science,)</td>
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BS AND BA DEGREE
Meeting university general education science requirements may not meet elementary education science requirements. Following the suggested guidelines will assure that you meet both university general education and elementary education requirements.

Students pursuing a BS or BA degree must take 9 credit hours, with at least one (1) course from a life science group and at least one (1) course from a physical science group. One of the courses must be PS 1350 (Principles of Earth Science), PS 1360 (Principle of Physical Science), or LS 1370 (Principles of Life Science), or at least one science lab course.

Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree
The BS degree must include two (2) or more courses that emphasize scientific inquiry through either experimental, analytical or statistical methods. The courses must total a minimum of 6 credit hours over and above general education requirements. Click on documents.weber.edu/catalog/current/catgened.htm for a current list of courses that fulfill this requirement.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree
The BA degree requires a minimum of 16 credit hours in a foreign language and demonstrated proficiency. See the WSU catalog or the foreign language department for further information.

SUPPORT COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Note: Support courses may be taken prior to admission to the Teacher Education program and must be taken prior to enrolling in corresponding methods courses.
SUPPORT COURSE REQUIREMENTS (25 CREDIT HOURS)

CHF SS 1500 Human Development 3
COMM HU 1020 Principles of Public Speaking 3
or COMM HU 2110 Introduction to Interpersonal and Small Group Communication 3
MATH 2010 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers 3
MATH 2020 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (prior to EDUC 4300) 3
EDUC 1010 Exploring Teaching 3 (prior to Level 1)
ENGL 3300 Children’s Literature 3
PEP 3630 Physical Education K-6 (Encouraged to take any time after Level 1)
HEALTH 4300 Health Ed in the Elementary School 2

Based on a technology proficiency assessment, students will complete one of the following prior to or concurrent with Level 1:

EDUC 3110 Instructional Technology 2
or EDUC 3370 Advanced Instructional Technology 2

SUPPORT COURSE ELECTIVES (2-4 CREDIT HOURS)

One of the following:
ART CA1030 Studio Art for the Non-Art Major 3
(Allowed if not used for General Education requirement)
DANCE 3640 Creative Movement in Elem School 2
EDUC 3430 Creative Processes in Elem School 3
MUSIC 3824 Music for the Elementary Teacher 4
THEATR 4603 Creative Drama 3

CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

Note: A grade of “C” or above is required in all CHF courses, and CHF SS1500 (Human Development) is a prerequisite to all child and family studies courses. These courses may be taken prior to admission to the Teacher Education Program.

CHF 2500 Development from Birth to 8 3 (prerequisite CHF SS 1500)
CHF 2600 Introduction to Early Childhood Education 3 (prerequisite CHF SS 2500)
CHF 2610 Guidance Based on Developmental Theory 3 (prerequisite CHF 1500) 2 hrs. lab per week
CHF 2620 Planning Creative Experiences for Young Children 3 (prerequisites CHF SS1500) 3 hrs. lab per week
CHF 3640 Working with Parents 3
CHF 4710** Advanced Planning and Guidance (taken concurrently with CHF 4720) (prerequisites CHF 2620 & 2610) 3
CHF 4720** Student Teaching in the Melba Lehner Children’s School and Seminar (taken concurrently with CHF 4710; and prior to taking EDUC 4840) (prerequisites CHF 2500, 2600, 2610, 2620) 6
CHF 4990A Seminar in Child Development (taken concurrently with CHF 4710 and 4720) 1

TOTAL 25

**You are encouraged to apply two semesters prior to teaching in the Melba S. Lehner Children’s School.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Note: All 3000, 4000 level EDUC courses are open only to students who have been ADMITTED TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM. (See teacher education admission requirements.)

It is highly recommended that you concurrently register for all courses in a level. Additional information is available in the Teacher Education Advisement Center, Education Building, Room 230.

Professional Education Courses Required

Level 1 (Core)

Educ 3100 Instructional Planning and Assessment 3
Educ 3120 Reading Instruction in the Primary Grades (K-2) 3

Level 2 (Learners and Literacy)

Educ DV3200E Foundations of Diversity: Culturally, Linguistically Responsive Teaching 3
Educ 3240 Reading Instruction in the Intermediate Grades (3-6) 3
Educ DV3260E The Exceptional Student 3
or CHF 3500 Young Children at Risk 3
Educ 3280 Elementary Social Studies Methods 3

Level 3 (Interdisciplinary Methods)

Educ 4300 Elementary Mathematics Methods 3
Educ 4320 Elementary Language Arts Methods 3
Educ 4330 Elementary Science Methods 3
Educ 4340 Elementary Art/Music Methods 3

Level 4 (Synthesis)

Educ 4840 Student Teaching in Elementary Education (K and 1-3) 8
CHF 4850 Integrated Elementary Education Student Teaching Seminar 4

Students enrolling in CHF 2600, 2610, and 2620 will be working with families and children; the State of Utah requires a background check and clearance. Applicants must be fingerprinted and complete a background check before being fully accepted into the program. A handout available from the department secretary explains the procedure and nominal expenses. If the background check reveals misconduct, you will not be allowed to enroll in these courses or any others which include field experience, practica or student teaching. Background checks require up to eight weeks and should be completed, or in progress, prior to enrolling in CHF 2600, 2610, and 2620. See the CHF department secretary for further details.
DOUBLE MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Students wanting licensure in both Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education are encouraged to complete a double major. All course requirements must be completed for both majors, which include only one semester of student teaching EDUC 4840 Student Teaching in Elementary Education (K and 1-3) and CHF 4850 Integrated Elementary Student Teaching Seminar. Students would complete the Elementary Education requirements and are encouraged to choose the Early Childhood Specialization and would have an additional 7 credits added to the course load to receive a double major. Please see the CHF department academic advisor for additional coursework and information.

Is there an application deadline?
Yes. You must declare a program of study and meet the teacher education admission and licensure requirements. Please contact the department for specific information. When you are admitted to the teacher education program, you must attend a new admission orientation (TBA). Check deadline dates with your advisor. weber.edu/coe/teadvise.html

You must be fingerprinted and have a background clearance before entering the program. If your background check reveals criminal misconduct that has not been cleared by the Utah Professional Practice Commission, your admission will be revoked.

Child and Family Studies Student Organization
We encourage you to join the Child and Family Studies Student Organization (CFSSA). The CFSSA is an educational organization designed to provide practical application for students with an emphasis in Child and Family Studies. Activities include preparing you to work toward certifying as an Early Childhood teacher and Family Life Educator, assisting you in continuing your education in graduate programs, and educating the campus and community with respect to family life, relations, and policies. The student organization’s efforts enhance community, state and nationwide recognition of the Child and Family Studies Department, the Moyes College of Education, and Weber State University. Call (801) 626-7517 for information on how to join CFSSA.