

Master of Education with a Major in Early Childhood Education

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Candidates have an in-depth knowledge of the content that they teach.
2. Candidates select and use a broad range of instructional strategies and technologies that promote student learning and they will clearly explain the choices they make in their practice.
3. Candidates reflect on their practice and are able to identify their strengths and areas of needed improvement.
4. Candidates analyze student, classroom, and school performance data and make data-driven decisions about strategies for teaching and learning so that all students learn.

Selected Outcome Assessments

1. Candidates will demonstrate the level of their content knowledge through evidence presented in an electronic portfolio.
2. Candidates will demonstrate their use of instructional strategies and technologies through completion of a self-evaluation of a teaching episode that will be included in their electronic portfolio.
3. Candidates will document reflection and will identify areas of strengths and areas for improvement through completion of the COE Advanced Teacher Self-Assessment Instrument.
4. Candidates will demonstrate their ability to positively impact P-5 learning through documentation presented in the electronic portfolio.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application packet to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GRE/MAT if required), completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for the preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

Admission Deadlines

- Fall Deadline: July 15
- Spring Deadline: November 15
- Summer Deadline: April 15

Go to the Graduate School website (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/welcome.php>) and click on Our Programs, then click on ECE M.Ed. Program for information on:

- Specific ECE M.Ed. Program Admission Requirements
- ECE M.Ed. Program Retention, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies
- ECE M.Ed. Program Graduation Requirements

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Requirements for the M.Ed. Degree with a Major in Early Childhood Education

College of Education and Human Services Core Courses		6
EDUC 5999	Professional Orientation	0
PSYC 7010	Learning and Assessment	3
RSCH 7100	Research Methodology in Education	3
Early Childhood Education Core		24
ECED 7210	Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 7220	Early Childhood Inclusive Environments	3
ECED 7230	Teachers as Mentors, Coaches, and Leaders in Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 7320	Curriculum and Instructional Strategies P-5	3
ECED 7330	Issues and Trends in Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 7340	Action Research in Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 7540	Integrating Creativity and Critical Thinking in Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 7550	Differentiating Instruction in P-5 Classrooms	3

Electives 6

Suggested electives:

K-5 Science Endorsement (ECED 6110, ECED 6120, ECED 6130)

K-5 Mathematics Endorsement (ECED 6010, ECED 6020, ECED 6030)

English to Speakers of Other Languages Endorsement (ESOL 6010, ESOL 6020, ESOL 6030)

Gifted-in-Field Endorsement (PSYG 5610, PSYG 6600, PSYG 6620, PSYG 7600)

Reading Endorsement (READ 7010, READ 7100, READ 7130)

Path to Tier 1 Educational Leadership Certification (LEAD 7130, LEAD 7310, LEAD 7420, LEAD 8240)

ECED 6000 Special Topics in Early Childhood Education

Other electives approved by advisor

Total Hours Required for the Degree 36