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Admission to Early Childhood Education Online Degree

Program Information and Application

Program Coordinator:
Kate Puckett, Ph.D.

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Dear Early Childhood Education Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Early Childhood Education (ECED) undergraduate non-licensure program at Eastern Oregon University. This program is fully online and can be completed in two years.

Becoming an early childhood educator requires a serious commitment; thus, the ECED program is a professional program designed to introduce candidates to high standards and to ensure quality in the early childhood profession.

To ensure the success of your application, read this Admissions Packet thoroughly, adhere to all the requirements, prepare your documents carefully, and meet all the deadlines. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kpuckett2@eou.edu or (541) 962-3586.

Sincerely,

Kate Puckett

Kate Puckett, Ph.D.
ECED Program Coordinator

Within this Packet

Within this packet you will find information related to qualifying and applying for the Early Childhood program at Eastern Oregon University. You will also find an application form, course offerings schedule, and the program planning form.

Program Description

Eastern Oregon University and the College of Education offer a non-licensure major in Early Childhood Education. The Early Childhood Education major is offered completely online and can be competed in two years.

The Early Childhood Education degree is a non-licensure program designed to prepare students for working with young children from birth to age 8 and their families. The program offers students the opportunity to explore the field of early childhood education and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for supporting, educating, and advocating for young children. Students will receive in-depth knowledge of early childhood foundations, child development and learning, curriculum development, and inclusive practices that recognize the richness of all children and families. In addition, the ECED program at EOU provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to advocate for and implement equitable educational practices for all students. Students will then be able to apply this knowledge toward creating high-quality early care and educational programs that focus on developing appropriate learning experiences for young children and supportive practices for families. After completion of the ECED program, students are prepared to work in the private sector as teachers, program directors and administrators, advocates, educational coordinators, or policy makers in schools, businesses, mental health agencies, and community, private or church-related programs.

Students who wish to obtain their teacher licensure may continue their education in a Master of Arts in Teaching licensure preparation program at EOU.

Overview of Credits Required

The Eastern Oregon University bachelor's degree requirement states students must complete a minimum of 180 credit hours. The Early Childhood Education Major consists of 57 upper division credits. **All prerequisites must be completed before enrolling in the Core 1 courses. All Core 1 courses must be completed before enrolling in the Core 2 courses.**

Prerequisites	
To be enrolled in or completed prior to submitting ECED Application	
ECED 311	Early Childhood Foundations
ECED 312	Child Development: Conception through age 8
Core 1	
ECED 313	Family Collaboration in Early Childhood
ECED 314	Positive Behavior Guidance and Management in EC
ECED 316	Play & Learning Environments in Early Childhood
ECED 317	Literature for Young Children
ECED 318	Early Childhood Health and Wellness
ECED 319	Technology in Early Childhood
ECED 321	Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood
ECED 322	Critical Issues in Early Childhood (UWR course)
Core 2	
ECED 411	Math Methods in Early Childhood
ECED 412	Science Methods in Early Childhood
ECED 413	Social Science Methods in Early Childhood
ECED 414	Language Arts Methods in Early Childhood
ECED 416	Creative Arts Methods in Early Childhood
ECED 417	Introductions to Individuals with Exceptionalities: EC (UWR course)
ECED 418	Multicultural Education in Early Childhood (DPD course)
ECED 419	Administration in Early Childhood
ECED 309	Early Childhood Practicum 1 (*Must be completed before enrolling in ECED 409. Offered every term including summer term.*)
ECED 409	Early Childhood Practicum 2 (*Prerequisite: ECED 309. Offered every term including summer term.*)

Transfer Equivalency

Eastern Oregon University, the College of Education, and the Early Childhood program are committed to working with students transferring from other institutions, both 4-year colleges and community colleges. Students with the following associate degrees will be considered as having met the general education distribution requirements at EOU:

- Oregon: The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) or the Associate of Science in Business Oregon Transfer (ASOT) from an Oregon community college.
- Washington: Any associate degree in conjunction with the completion of a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) from a Washington state community college.
- Idaho: The Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science at North Idaho College, The College of Southern Idaho, and College of Western Idaho.
- Other: Proof of completion of a general education program at a regionally accredited college or university. Eligibility must be determined by a professional advisor via a thorough transcript review and evaluation.

Qualifying for Admissions into the Early Childhood Major

The following requirements must be met before you apply to the Early Childhood program area:
- Be an admitted student at Eastern Oregon University. If you are not currently an admitted student at EOU, please complete the application and additional requirements for admission. Information for applying to EOU can be found at https://www.eou.edu/admissions/apply/
- Have a 2.5 cumulative (all higher education coursework) GPA.
- Have successfully completed or are currently enrolled in the required prerequisite courses with a grade of C- or higher.
  o ECED 311 Early Childhood Foundations
  o ECED 312 Child Development: Conception through age 8
- Have a junior standing or completed an AAOT indicating General Education credits have been completed.

Applying to the Early Childhood Program

To apply for the Early Childhood Program, complete the following steps:
1. Satisfactory completion of or enrollment in all the prerequisite course work.
2. Submission of a completed application before the 9th week of the term prior to starting ECED Core 1 course work. The application can be found further down in this document and on the EOU Early Childhood webpage at https://www.eou.edu/early-childhood-education/.

Admission Decisions

After your materials are reviewed, you will receive an email informing you of the next step in the process.

Application Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure all documents are collected and completed for admissions:

> Be admitted to EOU
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> Complete ECED application - submitted prior to the 9th week of the term preceding Core 1 course work.
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> If you are transferring, please include all transcripts
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> One letter of professional reference
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> Respond to 4 program questions

Submit the application and all required forms to Dr. Kate Puckett at kpuckett2@eou.edu.

Continuing Education

If you are interested in pursuing the Master of Arts in Teaching licensure program at EOU upon graduation, you must be aware of coursework that needs to be completed prior to applying (consider doing this coursework as your general education classes when completing your BA or BS degree). To create your undergraduate course schedule that best fulfills these requirements, you are

encouraged to meet with the Undergraduate Programs Admissions Coordinator, Kylie Evans at krevans@eou.edu or (541) 962-3623.

The following are coursework requirements for admission to the Elementary MAT Program:

- Science: 12 credit hours (quarter)
- Social Science: US History or Geography
- Math: Math 211, Math 212, and Math 213, or equivalent
- Language Arts: one Literature and two Writing courses
- Art: Art Fundamentals or experience
- Music: Music Fundamentals or experience

Please note that these are guidelines only and that a transcript review and advising are needed to ensure that you will meet the requirements. For advising related to preparation for Elementary teaching, please contact Kristin Johnson at kristin.johnson@eou.edu or (541) 962-3529.

Contact Information

For application and/or program assistance, please contact:

Kate Puckett, Ph.D.
College of Education –ZH 235
Eastern Oregon University
One University Blvd
La Grande, OR 97850
Office phone: (541) 962-3586
Kpuckett2@eou.edu

College of Education
Early Childhood Education Application

Name_____Date_____

Address_____

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Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email_____ EOU Email_____

SS#_____ EOU ID #_____

If you are not a current EOU student, you should apply simultaneously for both ECED program admission (this form) and admission to EOU (separate form). You may find EOU admission information at: https://www.eou.edu/admissions/

1. Are you a current EOU student?   Yes   No (if no, select the appropriate box below)

If you are a **current** EOU student, please indicate your academic level:	

Or

Are you **transferring** from another institution? List all colleges and universities attended below. Enclose unofficial copies of transcripts from *all* colleges and/or universities attended.

University/College	From:	To:	Degree (if applicable):
Please attach additional sheet if necessary.			

Have you completed the application for admissions to EOU?   Yes   No

Or

Are you a **postbac?** List all colleges and universities attended below. Enclose unofficial copies of transcripts from *all* colleges and/or universities attended.

University/College	From:	To:	Degree (if applicable):
Please attach additional sheet if necessary.			

Have you completed the application for admissions to EOU?   Yes

No

2. **Have you met the minimum cumulative (for all higher ed coursework) grade point average of 2.5?**

Current GPA (2.5 Minimum required for program admissions)	

3. **When/what terms are you planning on completing the prerequisites for the ECED program?**

ECED Program Prerequisites	Intended term and year
ECED 311 Early Childhood Foundations	
ECED 312 Child Development: Conception through age 8	

When are you planning on entering the ECED program (core 1)?

	Intended term and year
ECED Program Start term and year	

4. Please provide **one letter of professional reference** from an individual familiar with your academic qualifications and/or ability to speak to your potential success as a student. Examples of such individuals are: college faculty, program/center coworker, program director, supervisors, etc. Please indicate those individuals below. Your letter of reference should be included along with all other application materials.

Name	Phone #	Email	Professional title and their relationship to you

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5. **In no more than three double spaced pages, attach an essay in which you provide the answers to the following four (4) questions:**

- Question 1: What is your experience within the early childhood profession (childcare, education, etc.)?
- Question 2: What career or educational goal will this program meet?
- Question 3: The ECED program recognizes that teaching takes place in a society that is growing in terms of diversity and complexity, and that adaptation to the ever-changing face of education will be required of teachers. What experiences have you had working with a wide variety of people?
- Question 4: What is your experience with online learning? Please comment on your ability to succeed in an online-based instructional program. Include a description of your access to daily email and the internet.

6. **Using the Course Offerings Schedule and the Program Planning Sheet included in this application, indicate your plan to complete the courses in this major.** This plan is important as most ECED courses are only offered once a year; however, your plan may be modified in the future as needed.

7. **I have read the ECED Application Packet and understand the conditions and rules of the ECED program. The information that I have supplied above is an accurate representation of my status. I understand that if any of the above information is incorrect that it may jeopardize my admission status.**

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Student Signature   **Date**

8. **Send *all* ECED Program Admission documents, along with all required supporting items, together in one packet via email to kpuckett2@eou.edu or:**

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Dr. Kate Puckett
RE: ECED Application
College of Education –ZH 235
Eastern Oregon University
One University Blvd
La Grande, OR 97850

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Early Childhood Major
Program Planning Sheet

Student's Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Program Prerequisites:
Complete program application and:

Course #	Title	Credits	Term	Grade
ECED 311	Early Childhood Foundations	3		
ECED 312	Child Development: Conception Through Age 8	3		

Core 1 Courses

Course #	Title	Credits	Term	Grade
ECED 313	Family Collaboration in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 314	Positive Behavior Guidance and Management in EC	3		
ECED 316	Play & Learning Environments in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 317	Literature for Young Children	3		
ECED 318	Early Childhood Health and Wellness	3		
ECED 319	Technology in Early Childhood	2		
ECED 321	Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 322	Critical Issues in Early Childhood (UWR course)	3		

Core 2 Courses

Course #	Title	Credits	Term	Grade
ECED 411	Math Methods in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 412	Science Methods in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 413	Social Science Methods in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 414	Language Arts Methods in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 416	Creative Arts Methods in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 417	Introduction to Individuals with Exceptionalities: EC (UWR course)	3		
ECED 418	Multicultural Education in Early Childhood (DPD course)	4		
ECED 419	Administration in Early Childhood	3		
ECED 309	Early Childhood Practicum 1 (may not be taken concurrently with ECED 409)	3		
ECED 409	Early Childhood Practicum 2 (prerequisite: ECED 309)	3		

Projected Program Completion Term and Year: _____

Course Offerings Schedule

Class	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Prerequisite Courses				
ECED 311 Early Childhood Foundations	X	X	X	X
ECED 312 Child Development: Conception through age 8	X	X	X	X
Core 1 Courses				
ECED 313 Family Collaboration in Early Childhood		X		
ECED 314 Positive Behavior Guidance and Management in EC		X		
ECED 316 Play & Learning Environments in Early Childhood		X		
ECED 317 Literature for Young Children			X	
ECED 318 Early Childhood Health and Wellness			X	
ECED 319 Technology in Early Childhood			X	
ECED 321 Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood	X			
ECED 322 Critical Issues in Early Childhood (UWR course)	X			
Core 2 Courses				
ECED 411 Math Methods in Early Childhood	X			
ECED 412 Science Methods in Early Childhood	X			
ECED 413 Social Science Methods in Early Childhood		X		
ECED 414 Language Arts Methods in Early Childhood		X		
ECED 416 Creative Arts Methods in Early Childhood		X		
ECED 417 Introductions to Individuals with Exceptionalities: EC (UWR course)	X			
ECED 418 Multicultural Education in Early Childhood (DPD course)			X	
ECED 419 Administration in Early Childhood			X	
ECED 309 Early Childhood Practicum 1 (must be taken before ECED 409)	X	X	X	X
ECED 409 Early Childhood Practicum 2 (prerequisite: ECED 309)	X	X	X	X

Course offerings are subject to change

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