

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Early Childhood Education in the College of Education, effective Fall 2025.

Background

The Birth-Kindergarten program is currently a concentration within the Early and Elementary Education major. Due to grade band certification changes by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), it is necessary for Early Childhood Education to be identified as its own major and for this major to house the Birth-Kindergarten concentration.

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Early Childhood Education leads to MDE teacher certification in Birth-Kindergarten. Students will gain extensive classroom and clinical experience to develop the content, skills, and dispositions needed to successfully work in early childhood centers and early childhood school classrooms. Candidates who successfully complete all program requirements will earn an undergraduate degree. Candidates must also pass the required Michigan Test(s) for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in order to be recommended for certification.

Admission Requirements

Undergraduate students entering Wayne State University, either from high school or transferring from other universities or colleges, are admitted directly into the College of Education.

Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 credits are required for completion of this degree including the University General Education Program.

Graduation Requirements

All coursework must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Education and University governing undergraduate scholarship and degrees. All major, minor, and education courses must be completed with grades of 'C' or better and an overall 2.5 grade point average to meet College graduation requirements. Candidates must also meet the grade requirements for WSU General Education courses.

Program Administration

The program is supported by a program coordinator, associated faculty, and the Assistant Dean of Teacher Education.

Budget and Resource Requirements

No new budget resources are required.

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Accreditation

This program is approved by the MDE and is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Approvals

The proposal was approved by the faculty of the Teacher Education Division, the Assistant Dean of Teacher Education, the Curriculum Committee for the College of Education, the Dean of the College of Education, and the Provost.