

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR (BS)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/educationearlychildhood.cfm>)

College: College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies

Requirements for the Early Childhood Education Major (minimum 43 credits and 140 clinical hours)

Early Childhood – Education Licensure: ages birth – 8, grades K-3

The early childhood education major is a A+B articulation program in cooperation with the Wisconsin Technical College System. A student must first complete the A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education from a Wisconsin Technical Colleges institution prior to enrolling at UW-Parkside and declaring a Bachelor of Science with a major in Early Childhood Education. Program to program transfer courses/credits are accepted only for the degree specified in the articulation agreement. Admission to UW-Parkside does not guarantee admission to the early childhood education major.

The bachelor of science with a major in early childhood education includes a range of essential foundational “core” classes as well as courses in specialized areas pertinent to teaching and learning at early childhood developmental levels. The content of the courses in each program is guided by national standards and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction teacher standards as well as five integrated themes identified as foundational elements which are embedded in each education course: collaboration with regional partners to support clinical experiences, culturally responsive teaching, reflective practice, civic engagement and empowerment, and the integration of digital technology to enhance teaching and learning.

Recommended General Education Courses

The teacher education program is committed to supporting the liberal arts education at UW-Parkside through the general education program. The teacher education program recommends the following courses that meet both the university general education requirements as well as content knowledge policy requirements. Alternate courses may be substituted for courses on this list; however, students should consult with the teacher education advisor each semester to ensure that they understand and are meeting requirements of the program’s content knowledge policy.

Code	Title	Credits
Humanities and the Arts		
ENGL 167	Introduction to Literature	3
SPCH 105	Public Speaking	3
Choose any two courses from the general education list to complete the required 12 credits		6
Humanities and the Arts Subtotal		12
Social and Behavioral Science		
HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction	3
or HIST 102	The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times	

HIST 119	Western Civilization II: The Middle Ages to 1815	3
or HIST 128	World History III: From 1800 to the Present	
Select one of the following:		3
GEOG 101	Geography of American Ethnicity and Race	
GEOG 105	Contemporary Human Geography	
GEOG 110	Introduction to Geography: World Regions	
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 101	The American Economy	
POLS 100	American Politics	
POLS 105	Introduction to Politics	
Social and Behavioral Science Subtotal		12
Natural and Health Sciences		
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIOS 100	Nature of Life	
BIOS 101	Bioscience	
BIOS 103	Human Biology	
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOG 100	Physical Geography and the Environment	
GEOS 100	Earth in Perspective	
PHYS 110	Introduction to Astronomy	
PHYS 120	Astronomy of Native America	
Select one of the following:		3-4
CHEM 100	The World of Chemistry	
CHEM 101	General Chemistry I	
PHYS 101	Principles of Physics	
Choose any course from the Natural Sciences general education list to complete the required 12 credits (if needed)		3-4
Natural and Health Sciences Subtotal		12-16
Total Credits		36-40

Required Major Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Complete AAS in WTCS Early Childhood Education		
Required for admission into the major		
Pre-Professional Sequence		
EDU 210	Exploring Equity In Education	1
EDU 212	Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers I	3
Pre-Professional Sequence Subtotal		4
Developing Expertise Sequence		
EDU 304	Context and Culture In Learning Environments	3
EDU 312	Designing Learning Curriculum	2
EDU 325	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition	3
EDU 332	Foundations of Literacy	2
EDU 333	Children’s and Adolescent Literature and New Literacies	3
Developing Expertise Sequence Subtotal		13
Demonstrating Expertise in Practice Sequence		
EDU 430	Using Action Research to Improve Instruction	2
EDU 431	Teaching Developmental Mathematics, Grades K-3	3
EDU 432	Teaching Developmental Literacy, Grades K-3	3
EDU 433	Teaching Developmental Science, Grades K-9	3

EDU 434	Teaching Developmental Movement and Health Education, Grades K-9	2
EDU 440	Teacher Preparation Portfolio Design	2
Demonstrating Expertise in Practice Sequence Subtotal		15
The Residency		
EDU 420	Residency Seminar	2
EDU 425	Residency (Student Teaching)	10
The Residency Subtotal		12
Total Credits		44

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30 of final 60
Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum	

General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

** Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
Reading and Writing		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
Computational Skills		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
Total Credits		7-8

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements