

**Early Childhood Graduate
Level Endorsement Program**

A minimum of 16 hours is required to meet the Early Childhood Endorsement guidelines of the Utah State Office of Education. This endorsement is added to a basic state certificate in elementary education. Individuals entering the endorsement program must already hold an elementary education teaching certificate. Completion of the program allows certified elementary teachers to teach at the kindergarten level.

Courses are available during regular summer semesters and include an applied early childhood practicum in approved settings.

**Early Childhood
Master’s Degree Emphasis**

The 16 credits of Early Childhood courses as outlined here may be used as an emphasis area in the various master’s programs offered in the Department of Elementary Education. The Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Arts (M.A.), and Master of Science (M.S.) degrees are offered. The courses may be used as part of the required courses, professional options and/or supporting coursework in the various programs. Individuals interested in this option must apply for formal admission to the Utah State University School of Graduate Studies.

**Course Requirements
Select 16 Credits Across All Areas**

PRACTICUM

TEAL 6260
Supervised Practicum in Early Childhood Education – 2 credits (F: DS)

CURRICULUM

ELED 6220
Early Childhood Symposium – 2 credits (Su)

ELED 6230
Literacy Learning in Early Childhood – 3 credits (F: DB, Su)

FOUNDATIONS

ELED 6000
Utah NAME Conference – 2 credits (Sp)

ELED 6020
Foundation and Change in Early Childhood – 3 credits (Sp: online)

* If you did not take the Praxis when you received your ELED license, you will need to take the Praxis (CONTENT 10014) before you can receive your Early Childhood Endorsement.

INCLUSION/GUIDANCE

ELED 6100
Motivation & Management in Inclusive Settings – 3 credits (Su, F, Sp: online)

DEVELOPMENT

FCHD 6500
Topical Seminar in Childhood: Young Children’s Early School Experiences – 2-3 credits (Alt. F)

FCHD 6500
Topical Seminar in Childhood: Advanced Early Childhood Development – 3 credits (Alt. Sp: DS)

Letters indicate when courses are offered:
F = Fall Sp = Spring
Su = Summer

Letters indicate course format if not on campus:
DB = Distance Broadcast
DS = Directed Study