

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PK-3) LICENSURE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Banner Code:** E1-CERG-EPK3

## Academic Advising

Phone: 703-993-3844  
 Email: [earlyed@gmu.edu](mailto:earlyed@gmu.edu)  
 Website: <https://education.gmu.edu/early-childhood/>

This certificate offers required coursework for teacher licensure in Early/Primary Education PreK-3. This certificate prepares individuals to work with children, prekindergarten through third grade, and their families.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

In addition to the ECED concentration coursework, students must complete specific content area coursework in English, mathematics, science, and the social sciences as well as mandated state/accreditation assessments.

The following courses are prerequisites to admission:

Code	Title	Credits
ECED 401	Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence	3
or ECED 501	Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence	
ECED 402	Foundations of Language and Literacy for Diverse Young Learners, Birth-Age 5	3
or ECED 502	Foundations of Language and Literacy for Diverse Young Learners, Birth-Age 5	
ECED 403	Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners: Planning Instruction and Guidance	3
or ECED 503	Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners: Planning Instruction and Guidance	
ECED 404	Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth – Grade 6	3
or ECED 504	Engaging Families of Diverse Young Learners	

### Policies

Students who have completed equivalent graduate or undergraduate coursework prior to enrollment may request that some courses in this certificate be waived. Students who are eligible to waive coursework must complete a minimum of 15 credits to graduate. Students must earn a B- or better in all coursework.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

## Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 24

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

### Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
ECED 511	Assessment of Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 512	Language and Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Diverse Primary Grade Learners	3
ECED 513	Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 515	Mathematics for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 516	Science for Diverse Young Learners	3
ECED 781	Seminar in Early Childhood Education	3
Select one from the following:		6
ECED 790 & ECED 795	Internship with Diverse Preschool Children and Internship in Kindergarten - Third Grade	
ECED 788	Internship in Early Childhood Education Prekindergarten-Third Grade	

Total Credits 24