



# Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Arts

## Information about the Major

The Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education degree at UofSC Aiken prepares candidates to teach students in preschool up to 3rd grade. Our program equips teacher candidates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to meet the needs of today's young child. Our program follows the standards of the SC Department of Education as well as the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



*I am thankful for this program because it pushed me to do more than I ever thought possible and encouraged me to stay true to who I was as a teacher.*

-Savannah Jones, Early Childhood Education and Teaching Fellow Graduate

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School of Education

Course Requirement	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade	Attributes
ENGL A101--Composition *	3			
ENGL A102-Composition & Literature *	3			
MATH A108 (or higher)-College Algebra *	3			
STAT A201-Elementary Statistics	3			
COMM A241 (or A201)-Public Speaking (or Interpersonal)	3			
Foreign Language I-FREN, GERM, SPAN-check placement *	4			
Foreign Language II-2 semesters of the same language required	4			
Natural Science-BIOL, GEOL, PHYS, CHEM	4			
Natural Science-2 different areas required	4			
Social/Behavioral Science-PSYC, SOCY, GEOG, ECON, POLI	3			
Social/Behavioral Science-2 different areas required	3			
Humanities-ARTH, MUSC, THEA, PHIL, RELG, HONS, etc.	3			
Humanities-see above	3			
English Literature-ENGL 280+	3			
US History-HIST A201, HIST A202, POLI A201	3			
History of Civilization- HIST A101 or HIST A102	3			

\* must pass course with "C" or better

Course Requirements-Early Childhood Ed: 2022 -2023

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Pre-Professional Course Requirement *	Cr Hr	Semester	Grade	Attributes
EDEC A211-Family Life Edu & Professional Practice	3			
EDEC A256-PE & Health in ECE	3			
EDEX A200-Intro to Exceptional Learners	3			
EDFN A321-Dynamics of American Public Education	3			
EDPY A235-Intro to Educational Psychology	3			
EDRD A218-- Children's Lit	3			
EDUC A210-Clinical Observation & Analysis	1			
EDUC A300-Math for ECE & Elem	3			

### Professional Program Course Listing \*

Junior Block	Cr Hr	Semester	Grade	Attributes
EDEC AA11-Child Dev & Found in Early Learning	3			
EDEC AS40-Child Study & Assessment	3			
EDEC AS42-Envr Design & Management ECE	3			
EDRD AS22-Found in Reading In ECE	3			
EDRD AS23-Content Area Reading/Writing ECE	3			
Senior Block				
EDEC AA35-Math In ECE	4			
EDEC AA36-Social Studies & Science in ECE	4			
EDRD AS24-Instructional Practices in Reading In ECE	4			
EDRD AS25-Assessment in Reading In ECE	3			

### Student Teaching

EDEC AA69-Internship	12			
EDEC AA76-Senior Seminar	3			

Praxis Core \_\_\_\_\_ WPP: \_\_\_\_\_ Prof. Progr. App: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing Intensive (WI) \_\_\_\_\_ USCA Intern App: \_\_\_\_\_

Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ SCDE CATS App: \_\_\_\_\_

Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Fingerprinting \_\_\_\_\_

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*It's the small pieces that make the big picture.*

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
	<b>ACADEMICS</b> Work on your <b>General Education</b> courses. Consider taking your first <b>pre-professional Education</b> course such as EDUC A210 or EDFN A321. Review requirements for your scholarships, grants, and other <b>financial aid</b> such as GPA and credit hour minimums. Become familiar with the <b>Center for Student Achievement</b> resources such as personal tutoring, the Writing Center, and Math Lab. Start going to <b>ICE events</b> .	Continue taking <b>General Education</b> courses and begin loading up on <b>pre-professional Education</b> courses. Complete both <b>Foreign Language</b> courses this year. Keep working on <b>ICE events</b> —you should have at least 8 complete by the end of this year!	Finish remaining <b>General Education</b> and <b>pre-professional Education</b> courses in the first semester. Enroll in the <b>Junior Block</b> for the second semester. Turn in the <b>Writing Proficiency Portfolio (WPP)</b> or take <b>ENGL A201</b> by the end of the year. Finish <b>ICE Events</b> by the end of this year!	Take your <b>Senior Block</b> in the first semester. Enroll in <b>Senior Seminar</b> and <b>Internship</b> in your last semester. Check with your advisor that you have completed all degree requirements before the last semester begins.
	<b>COMMUNITY</b> Attend <b>Get on Board Day</b> at the beginning of the semester to find clubs and organizations that you would be interested in—and join one! Join the <b>Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) &amp; UofSC Aiken Student Group of SCAEYC</b> . Become familiar with the <b>Counseling Center</b> and <b>Student Health Center</b> resources available to students.	Visit the Student Life Office to find out about <b>Study Abroad</b> opportunities. Consider completing the <b>Leadership Certificate Program</b> through the Student Life Office.	Take part in a <b>research project</b> with a faculty member. Present at a <b>conference</b> and <b>UofSC Aiken Scholar Showcase</b> . Feeling overwhelmed? Visit the <b>Counseling Center</b> in B&E 126 to get support and time management assistance.	Connect with the <b>Alumni Office</b> to stay involved after graduation. Build a <b>network</b> with alumni, faculty, staff, and classmates.
	<b>SCHOOL OF EDUCATION</b> Maintain a minimum <b>2.75 GPA</b> to prepare for the Professional Program. See if you exempt the <b>Praxis Core</b> with your SAT or ACT score. If not, go ahead and take the Praxis Core by the end of your first year.	Consider applying for the <b>SC Teachers Loan forgiveness</b> program. Look into <b>"add-on"</b> options for your teaching certification.	Submit your <b>Professional Program Application</b> through the School of Education website. Attend the <b>Professional Program Orientation</b> before the beginning of your Junior Block semester. Apply to <b>Internship</b> with UofSC Aiken and the SC Department of Education one year before your last semester.	Obtain at least a <b>3.0 GPA</b> by the beginning of your last semester. Complete your <b>contact information form</b> during Senior Seminar. Complete your <b>certification recommendation form</b> during Senior Seminar.
	<b>CAREER</b> Visit <b>Career Services</b> to find Work Study jobs on campus or part time jobs off-campus. The <b>Children's Center</b> on campus loves to hire Education majors!	Look out for emails from <b>soe@usca.edu</b> about Summer Counselor and camp jobs.	Make the most of your <b>practicum placements</b> by completing more than the required hours to gain experience in the classroom.	Take the <b>Praxis Subject Assessment</b> and <b>Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)</b> exams before certification. After your degree is posted, submit an official transcript to the SC Department of Education.