

MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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Area: Early Childhood

This program is offered for those who are especially interested in working with preschool, kindergarten, and primary grade children. The program follows the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards for the preparation of those working with children from birth through age eight. Upon completion of the program, students who already possess an elementary education teaching certification are eligible for an Early Childhood Endorsement and a Kindergarten Endorsement on their teaching certificates. For further information, the student should confer with Dr. Gera Jacobs at Gera.Jacobs@usd.edu.

Master of Arts Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education Plan B (non-thesis):

Early Childhood Education core	15 credit hours
ELED/SPED elective	3 credit hours
Required supporting courses	6 credit hours
<u>Emphasis courses</u>	<u>8-9 credit hours</u>
Total	32-33 credit hours

- Plan A (thesis) also available. Four credit hours of thesis are required in lieu of an elective

Early Childhood Education core- 15 credit hours:

ELED 512	Kindergarten Education	3 credit hours
ELED 592	Early Language and Literacy Development	3 credit hours
ELED 713	Advanced Curriculum & Practices in Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours
ELED 795	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours
SPED 770	Survey: Early Childhood Special Education	3 credit hours

Required supporting course work- 6 credit hours:

EDER 761	Research Methods in Education	3 credit hours
EPSY 521	Psychology of Early Childhood	3 credit hours
OR EPSY 527	Child Growth and Development*	

*(An elective may be substituted if student has taken this course at the undergraduate level)

Emphasis course work 8-9 credit hours:

Students may choose an emphasis in consultation with the academic advisor. Emphases could include but are not limited to: Early Childhood Special Education, Reading, Primary Education, Parent Education-General, Coordination and Supervision, and Professional Development Center Program.