

# Master of Science in Education Early Childhood Education with a Concentration in Initial Licensure - Pre-K-3 (MSEd)

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This program is designed for prospective teachers who have completed the undergraduate program in teacher education primary/elementary offered by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University.

## Admission

All students must apply for and be admitted into the approved M.S.Ed. with initial licensure program for Early Childhood Education (grades PreK-3). The following admission criteria must be met:

1. The Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in teacher education, primary/elementary from the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University is required.
2. Students must meet the criteria for admission by passing the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments and earning the minimum required grade point averages (GPA). To review more information on the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments, visit the Office of Clinical Experiences website, <http://www.odu.edu/oce> (<http://www.odu.edu/oce/>).
3. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.80 is required for admission.
4. No courses in the academic major in which the student has made below a C will be accepted for admission in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies.
5. Satisfactory scores must be submitted on either the Graduate Record Examination or Miller Analogies Test. A combined verbal and quantitative score of 290 is required on the GRE, with at least a minimum score of 146 on the verbal section. A minimum score of 399 is required on the MAT.
6. An application for graduate studies and official transcripts must be submitted by the appropriate deadline for admission. Under certain circumstances, applicants who do not fully meet the requirements for regular admission to the program may be admitted on a provisional basis subject to conditions specified by the graduate program director for early childhood, PreK--3, education.

## Curriculum Requirements

### Prerequisite \*

TLED 474/574	Foundations and Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education (if not completed in BS program)	3
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### Required Courses

READ 683	Diagnostic Teaching of Reading in the Classroom	3
SPED 500	Foundations of Special Education: Legal Aspects and Characteristics	3
FOUN 641	Assessment and Evaluation of Student Learning	3

TLED 677	Learning and Development Across Historical and Contemporary Educational Environments	3
TLED 690	The Child and the Family	3
TLED 679	Advanced Classroom Management and Practicum in PreK-6	3
TLED 583	Seminar in Teacher Education	1
TLED 668	Internship/Student Teaching and Seminar	9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>31</b>

\* If not completed in the BS IDS Teacher Preparation Concentration program.

Due to changing University requirements, national standards, and the Virginia Board of Education licensure regulations, the programs in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies are under constant revision. Any changes resulting from these factors supersede the program requirements described in this Catalog. Students are encouraged to obtain current program information from their advisors and from the Teacher Education Services website: <http://www.odu.edu/tes> (<http://www.odu.edu/oce/>).

## Additional Requirements

### Continuance

1. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a minimum of 3.00 GPA in the major.
2. A grade of "B" or higher is required in all practicum coursework.
3. Complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) modules during the first twelve graduate credit hours at Old Dominion University. For more information review the instructions at: <https://www.odu.edu/impact/responsible-conduct-of-training>. (<https://www.odu.edu/impact/responsible-conduct-of-training/>)
4. Students must take and pass all Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments including the Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary (Test 5205), the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), and the Praxis Elementary: Multiple Subjects (Test code 5001) computer delivered, prior to or while enrolled in the Seminar in Teacher Education (TLED 583) course.
5. All course work in the program must be completed with at least a 3.00 graduate GPA, a grade of B in the advanced graduate practicum, and all assessments must be passed prior to attending the Teacher Candidate Internship Orientation session.
6. A grade of B- or higher is required in all professional education courses in the master's degree.
7. A clearance background check process must be completed prior to placement in a field experience required for practicum courses and for the teacher candidate internship. For more information, please review the policy in the Office of Clinical Experiences website <http://www.odu.edu/oce> (<http://www.odu.edu/oce/>).
8. Certificate of completion in First Aid/AED/CPR, Dyslexia Awareness Training, Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training, Regulations Governing the Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Cultural Competence Training.

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### Exit

Requirements for graduation include:

1. Passage of the written comprehensive exam;
2. Completion of the Graduate Assessment;
3. A minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA, successful completion of the Teacher Candidate Internship, an completion of an exit interview, and submission of an application for graduation. No courses in the

academic major in which the student earned below a C and no courses in professional education in which the student earned below a B- will be accepted toward licensure requirements in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies.