



**The following courses are required to successfully complete the degree.
 All courses are taught online.**

Track 1: Requires a valid teaching license for admission into the program, and program completion can lead to advanced licensure in Mississippi*. By completing the field experience requirements, candidates admitted to Track 1 will be able to add early childhood education to their license as a content area.

Track 2: Does *not* require a teaching license or field experience requirements and will not lead to licensure.

*Check with your individual state teacher licensing board if you are an out-of-state student.

Credit Hours	Course Code	Professional Core (3 Credit Hours)	Semester
3	EDRS 605	Educational Research I	
		Specialization (Total 27 Credit Hours)	
3	EDEC 600	Child Development: Pre-birth to Age 8	Spring (even year)
3	EDEC 601	Language & Literacy Development in Young Children	Spring (even year)
3	EDEC 602	Theoretical Foundations of Early childhood Curriculum	Summer 1
3	EDEC 603	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in ECE	Summer 2
3	EDEC 604	Function and Theory of Play in Early Childhood Education	Summer 2
3	EDEC 605	Integrating the Arts in Early Childhood Education	Fall
3	EDEC 606	Social Contexts in Early Childhood	Fall
3	EDEC 607	Issues and Trends in Early Childhood Education	Spring (odd year)
3	EDEC 608	Diverse needs in Early Childhood Education	Spring (odd year)

*Note: Only 6 credit hours are offered per semester.

**Any substitution or changes must have your advisor's approval.

Please check the Teacher Education Graduate Handbook for any additional degree requirements.