

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Additional Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 2)



OVERVIEW

This 12-credit post-master's advanced certificate program provides an expedited path to meet New York State requirements for certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 2). This program is for candidates who are looking to extend their initial certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1–6) to include Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 2).

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This program is for individuals who hold a master's degree and are certified in Childhood Education (Grades 1–6). Those who have not earned a master's degree in education or do not hold an initial teaching certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1–6) should apply to the MAT in Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 2).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This program requires four courses (12 credits), one of which is a practicum in an early childhood classroom. Students teaching pre-k or kindergarten may request to do the practicum in their own classrooms. Permission required. Students must maintain a B average to successfully complete the program. This program is offered only in the spring semester. Students must enroll full-time and complete the program in one semester.

REQUIRED COURSES

EECE 724 Curriculum and Environmental Design for Early Childhood (3 cr.)

EECE 728 Integrating Expressive Arts in Early Childhood (3 cr.)

EECE 737 Infants and Toddlers: Curriculum and Teaching (3 cr.)

EECE 730 Practicum (3 cr.)

CERTIFICATION

Completion of this program and all New York State requirements for certification leads to recommendation by the School of Education for New York State Certificate in Initial and Professional Certification in Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 2). Students should contact the Certification Office for up-to-date information on state certification requirements.

APPLY FOR SPRING ADMISSION

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a master's degree in education with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Hold (or pending) New York State certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1–6)
- Apply by November 15
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit a 500-word essay

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Contact Graduate Admissions (718-997-5200) for further information.

