

Early Childhood Education (PreK-4)

Courses Required

Obtaining PreK-4 certification requires fulfillment of the BSED degree.

Category	Descriptor	Credits	Courses
Course requirements for entry into Pre-Certification Initial Preparation Program (Must be completed prior to the end of the 2 nd year)	Two Math Intensive Courses	2	Math 203 Math 204
	Writing Intensive Course	1	Any W1 Course
	English Literature	1	Any ENLS Course (excluding courses with W1 designations) ¹
Required EDUC Courses	EDUC 101	1	Social Foundations of Education
	EDUC 201	1	Educational Psychology
	EDUC 230	1	Foundations of Assessment
	EDUC 323	1	Education of Young Children
	EDUC 235	1	Integrated Arts in Learning
	EDUC 341	1	Early Literacy
	EDUC 342	1	Differentiation and Diversity in Education
	EDUC 344	1	Science as Inquiry
	EDUC 343	1	Culture and Community
	EDUC 346	1	Literacy Across Contexts
	EDUC 347	1	Family, School, and Community Partnerships
	EDUC 349	3	Student Teaching: Elementary
EDUC 449	1	Professional Seminar in Elementary Education	
Other Required Courses	PSYC 207	1	Developmental Psychology
	ENLS 218 or ENLS 220	1	Children's Literature or Young Adult Fiction

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¹ English AP courses accepted for credit at Bucknell can be used to meet this requirement.

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Early Childhood Education (grades pre-K-4). This program combines coursework and field experiences in the following core competency areas: child development and learning; subject matter content and pedagogy; observation, documentation and assessment of student learning; and family and community relationships. Students demonstrate their professionalism and expertise during ongoing field placements and their culminating experience of student teaching.

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(These are courses required for the major program. Additional courses will be required to complete university requirements according to the College Core Curriculum. Bolded courses should be taken in the semester listed)

	Fall	Spring
Year 1	EDUC 101 Social Foundations of Education	EDUC 201 Education Psychology EDUC 235 Integrated Arts in Learning PSYC 207 Developmental Psychology
Year 2	MATH 203 Introduction to Mathematical Thought EDUC 323 Education of Young Children EDUC 344 Science as Inquiry	MATH 204 Elementary Geometry/ Statistics EDUC 341 Early Literacy ENGL 218/220 Children’s Literature/ Young Adult Fiction
Year 3	Abroad, if desired (<i>We encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity</i>)	Junior Block EDUC 230 Foundations of Assessment EDUC 342 Differentiation and Diversity in Education EDUC 343 Culture and Community (SS) EDUC 346 Literacy across Contexts
Year 4	EDUC 349 Elementary Student Teaching EDUC 449 (W2) Professional Seminar	EDUC 347 Family, School, and Community Partnerships

Provisions:

Students can enroll in the major/certification as late as fall of year 2, maintaining abroad study.

Students can enroll in the major/certification as late as spring of year 2, dropping abroad study.

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