

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Curriculum & Instruction: Early Childhood Education

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Curriculum & Instruction consists of a minimum of 90 credit hours beyond the Bachelors' degree. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be taken outside the School of Education. Students must pass a general exam (written & oral), a dissertation proposal, write a dissertation, and pass an oral dissertation defense.

School of Education Core Courses

(Must be taken consecutively during First Year of Enrollment) 6 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
ELRC 7299	Introduction to Scholarship in Education	3 credit hours
EDCI 7910	Traditions of Inquiry	3 credit hours

Research Methodology & Dissertation Research

Minimum 21 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
EDCI 7930	Teacher Research in the Early Childhood Classroom	3 credit hours
ELRC 7006 (or equivalent)	Educational Statistics	4 credit hours
ELRC 7241 (or equivalent)	Educational Research Methods	3 credit hours
ELRC 7243 (or equivalent)	Qualitative Methods in Educational Research	4 credit hours
EDCI 9000	Dissertation Research	12-15 credit hours

Area of Specialization: Early Childhood Education

50 credit hours beyond Bachelors' degree

*Required; Select at least 3 from list below and in consultation with your advisor.

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
EDCI 7056*	Theories of Child Development	3 credit hours
EDCI 7055*	Human Development*	3 credit hours, can be taken up to 6 credit hours if topics vary
EDCI 7059	Parent Involvement in Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours
EDCI 7054*	Child Guidance and Behavior	3 credit hours
EDCI 7307	Topics Vary	Can be taken for up to 6 credit hours
EDCI 7112	Early Literacy Development and Instruction	3 credit hours
EDCI 7921	Analysis of Research in Curriculum and Instruction- Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours
EDCI 4060 (CFS 4060)	Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3 credit hours
EDCI 4382	Critical Issues in Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours
EDCI 7843	Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours
EDCI 7844	Creativity in ECE	3 credit hours
EDCI 7846	Diagnostic Teaching in Early Education	3 credit hours
EDCI 7902	Analysis of Research on Teaching	3 credit hours
EDCI 7904	Education and Cognition	3 credit hours
EDCI 7920/7921	Analysis of Research in Curriculum and Instruction	3 credit hours
CFS 7507	Theories in Family Science	3 credit hours
CFS 7051	The Contemporary Family	3 credit hours
EDCI 7903	Curriculum Planning	3 credit hours
EDCI 7910	Traditions of Inquiry	3 credit hours

Minor Area of Study - Outside of School of Education

12-18 credit hours

Select in consultation with your advisor. Possibilities include Statistics, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, or Political Science.

Electives

The remaining courses to complete the program of studies must be selected with the approval of the student's graduate advisor committee.

Total credit hours: 90 (beyond bachelors' degree)