

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, MAT

## Overview

The Master of Arts in Teaching with a specialization in Early Childhood Education offers courses and a path to Louisiana teacher certification that will equip teacher candidates with necessary credentials, research skills, and instructional practices to successfully support all learners. To earn this degree, students are required to complete 36 hours of course work in Early Childhood Education. Applied learning is also an integral part of the graduate degree. By the time the final residency experience begins, students will have spent many hours in diverse public and private school classrooms. Upon successful completion of the coursework and field experiences, teacher candidates are eligible for certification through the Louisiana Department of Education.

## Requirements

The Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education consists of twelve three credit courses, including the required year-long residency course.

Course ID	Title	Credits
EDUC 6000	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 6810	The Craft of Teaching	3
EDUC 6060	Methods of Educational Research	3
EDUC 6820	Foundations of Emergent Literacy	3
EDUC 6870	Childhood Development	3
<b>AND</b>		
EDUC 6830	Early Childhood Reading Methods	3
EDUC 6834	Early Childhood Reading Instruction for All Learners	3
EDUC 6840	Teaching Social Studies in ECE	3
EDUC 6850	Teaching Science in Early Childhood Classroom	3
EDUC 6860	Teaching Mathematics in ECE	3
<b>AND</b>		
<b>Residency or Practitioner Coursework</b>		<b>6</b>
Residency Option		
EDUC 6890	Residency I_Student_ECE	
EDUC 6891	Residency II_Student_ECE	
Practitioner Option		
EDUC 6892	Residency I_Practitioner_ECE	
EDUC 6893	Residency II_Practitioner_ECE	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Additional Requirements for Certification

Students in the MAT in Early Childhood Education must maintain a 3.0 GPA in education courses. To enroll in and progress through the Residency program for certification, students must:

- Successfully complete and meet program requirements and competencies
- Successfully pass the Gateway to Residency
- Complete the Praxis II (Content Area) prior to residency
- Complete the Praxis II (Principles of Learning and Teaching) prior to or during residency
- Successfully pass the Gateway to Teaching