Early Childhood Development

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The early childhood development interdisciplinary masters permits students to obtain a degree in their home department, with an emphasis (essentially a graduate minor) in early childhood development. The program is designed to be flexible in meeting the candidate’s professional objectives while providing a multidisciplinary perspective. The student’s degree will reflect the master’s degree in their home department, while their transcript will also show the early childhood development program completion. The program is administered through the Graduate School. Primary responsibility for student guidance and graduate program formulation resides with the sponsoring department and major professor.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The program of study must be designed to enhance the student’s background and expertise through formal graduate level coursework in the areas of:
- Child development
- Early childhood education
- Counselor education
- Health sciences:
  - Communication disorders
  - Kinesiology and health
  - Nursing
  - Social work
- Psychology
To insure the multidisciplinary focus of the degree, the program of study must include:
- Sponsoring (home) department requirements
- An interdisciplinary seminar cross-listed with each department
- At least three courses from departments outside of the student’s home department
- A total of twelve credit hours
Courses can be chosen from within the same college as the sponsoring department as long as the three courses are taken outside of that department.
Both Plan A and Plan B options are acceptable under the Early Childhood Development option.

ADMISSION
Admission into the program requires acceptance by both the sponsoring department and the Early Childhood Development Academic Standards Committee. Applicants must meet current Graduate School admission standards for GPA and GRE scores, and have an undergraduate degree in one of the specified degree areas, which provides the student with key background coursework. Potential candidates are encouraged to contact a participating department. The candidate’s credentials will first be evaluated by the sponsoring department before being forwarded to the Academic Standards Committee for approval.

PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE
The home department is notified of the student’s admittance into the program. Upon acceptance to the program, the sponsoring home department must assign a member of the Academic Standards Committee to the candidate’s graduate committee. The Early Childhood Academic Standards Committee, through its representatives on the candidate’s graduate committee shall aid in formulating deficiency requirements, course program design, academic performance criteria, and research objectives throughout the candidate’s tenure in the program.
**Participating Programs:**

- Communication Disorders  
  College of Health Sciences
- Counselor Education  
  College of Education
- Elementary & Early Childhood Education  
  College of Education
- Early Childhood Special Education  
  College of Education
- Family & Consumer Sciences  
  College of Agriculture
- Kinesiology and Health  
  College of Health Sciences
- Nursing  
  College of Health Sciences
- Psychology  
  College of Arts and Sciences
- Social Work  
  College of Health Sciences

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