ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Area of Concentration

Option 4: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Program

To fulfill the requirements for the area of concentration in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood, an elementary education major must complete 18 credit hours of coursework selected from the list of classes below and complete EDEL 2280 and EDEC 4320 as required content coursework. If a student has been continuously enrolled at UW or a Wyoming Community College prior to fall 2000, 21 credit hours of coursework are required in the area of concentration. All courses must be passed with grade C or better.

Students are responsible for satisfying the prerequisites for all courses before registering for them. Prerequisites are listed in the course descriptions in the General Bulletin.

* Indicates courses required for the Early Childhood (birth – age 8) Certification program (see note below)

EDCI 5870 (1-6) Seminar in Early Childhood
EDCI 4140 (3) Storytelling [LIBS]

or

EDCI 5140 (3) Storytelling [LIBS]

*EDEC 1020 (3) Introduction to Early Childhood Education
*EDEC 3000 (3) Observing Young Children
*EDEC 3220 (3) School Programs for Young Children
*EDEC 4320 (3) Oral and Written Language Acquisition
EDEC 5210 (3) Seminar: Early Childhood Education
EDEC 5220 (3) Children with Disabilities: Birth to Five
EDEC 5230 (3) Curriculum & Materials for Young Children with Disabilities
EDEC 5240 (3) Evaluation of Young Children with Disabilities
EDEL 2280 (3) Literature for Children[LIBS]
EDEL 3170 (3) Meaning in Art
FCSC 1140 (2) Nutrition
*FCSC 2121 (4) Child Development
*FCSC 2131 (3) Family Relationships
FCSC 3220 (3) Multicultural Influences on the Young Child
FCSC 4106 (2) Early Childhood Conference (summer)

or

FCSC 5102 (2) Early Childhood Conference (summer)
FCSC 4119 (3) Parent-Child Relationships
FCSC 4124 (3) Families of Young Children with Special Needs
FCSC 4127 (3) Directing Preschool & Daycare Programs
FCSC 4128 (3) Child Development Practicum
FCSC 4140 (2) Maternal and Infant Nutrition
FCSC 4141 (2) Child and Adolescent Nutrition

ITEC 1000 (4) Visual Literacy for Life & Learning (I and L, or Elementary Ed Arts req.)

NURS 2340 (1-3) Developmental Influences on Health
PEPR 3034 (3) Lifespan Motor Development
PSYC 2200 (3) Infant Development
PSYC 2300 (3) Developmental Psychology
PSYC 4150 (3) Development of Thought Processes
PSYC 4310 (3) Behavior Disorders in Childhood
PSYC 4740 (3) Advanced Social Psychology
SPPA 2110 (4) Beginning Sign Language
SPPA 4160 (3) Normal Speech and Language Development

Students seeking certification in early childhood must have two separate residency experiences: one in a program serving children from birth to kindergarten, the other in a program serving children from kindergarten through grade three. Students are required to take one of the following two courses:

*FCSC 4130 (6-8) Child Development Internship

or

*EDCI 5480 (6) Apprenticeship

In addition, each semester there may be course offerings that carry a variable number that would be appropriate for an early childhood area of concentration. Please check with early childhood faculty from the colleges for updated information each semester.