Personal Service

We pride ourselves on being just the right size to give students the time they need to be successful. Our average class size is 20, so you will have small, personalized class settings to receive the education you deserve. Your professors will introduce you to new ways of thinking, exploring issues creatively, and evaluating ideas as you engage in the world.

This degree plan is offered for on-campus and online/distance students. Licensed teachers can also take courses needed for Early Childhood licensure requirements. Please contact the MSU Division of Education for more information at 701.788.4827.

Opportunity

Whether it’s music, athletics, or politics, students at MSU have the chance to participate in a variety of activities and clubs. These organizations are a great way to make new friends with similar interests, and the involvement outside the classroom looks great on a resume.

Some clubs and activities include:
- Student Education Association
- Theater
- Band & Choir
- DECA
- Esports
- Science Club
- Comet Radio
- Student Government
- Intramural Sports

Value

Mayville State’s Early Childhood Education online program was recently selected and ranked among the top 25 schools in the nation based on the quality of the program, the types of courses available, the faculty members, awards, rankings, and online education techniques. The combination of MSU’s affordability and its unique offerings make it a Best Regional College, as designated by the Princeton Review. This selection process is based on meeting criteria for academic excellence as well as results of surveys done by current MSU students.

The Program

This B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education is offered for on-campus and online/distance students and prepares them to teach in preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade (birth-age 8). Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to apply for birth through 3rd grade licensure. This degree is a composite of both Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. The Early Childhood Education program is also offered as an online program option.

1. Early Childhood Education majors must complete 36 hours of Essential Studies.
2. A minor is not required with this program.
3. Students work closely with their advisor throughout the program to best plan semester coursework. Summer coursework may be required for online/distance education students.
4. Online/distance students will also be required to attend evening, synchronous classes for some methods classes and complete in-school practicums.
5. The program includes field experiences designed for teaching Pre-K, K and Primary Grades. These experiences are completed at schools and other educational institutions.
6. Please refer to the Criteria for Admission to Teacher Education, Student Teaching, and Exiting the Teacher Education Program found on the website for additional information.

Advantages

Hands-on experiences. The Early Childhood program offers several opportunities to work with local grade school students and teachers in hands-on experiences.

Full-time faculty advisors. Unlike students in larger education programs, Mayville State Early Childhood students are advised and mentored by full-time education faculty.

Tradition of training teachers. For more than a century, Mayville State University has been training teachers. Teacher education has been critical to our mission since we opened our doors in 1889.
Early Childhood Education: Bachelor of Science in Education

Required credits to graduate with this degree: 132
This B.S.Ed. will prepare students to teach Birth to Age 8, which includes: preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to apply for birth through 3rd grade licensure. This degree is a composite of both Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education.

Early Childhood Education requires the following content/core specific courses prior to student teaching: All professional education and methods courses, 75% of content coursework specifically including the following classes: EDUC 350 Reading Assessment and Intervention, EDUC 436 Kindergarten Methods, EC 335 Art, Music, & Play, EC 338 Home School Community Relations, and EDUC 307 Math Strategies in Elementary/Middle School.

Core Professional Courses:
EC 313 Language & Literacy in ECE 3 SH
EC 320 Infants and Toddlers 3 SH
EC 322 Administration & Leadership in ECE 3 SH
EC 333 Pre-K Methods/Materials 3 SH
EC 335 Art, Music, and Play in ECE 3 SH
EC 338 Home, School, Comm. Relations 3 SH
EDUC 301 Strategies in the Elementary School 3 SH
EDUC 302 Social Studies Strategies in the Elementary School 3 SH
EDUC 318 Reading in the Elementary School 3 SH
EDUC 319 Language Arts in the Elementary School 3 SH
EDUC 350 Reading Assessment & Intervention 3 SH
EDUC 436 Kindergarten Methods 2 SH
HPER 315 Movement Education in EC 2 SH
MATH 277 Mathematics forElem. Teachers 3 SH
EDUC 307 Math Strategies in the Elementary and Middle School Classroom 3 SH
EDUC 326 Science Strategies for Elem Teachers 3 SH

Total 46 SH

Professional Education Courses:
EC 210 Introduction to ECE 3 SH
EC 211 Observation, Assessment, and Interpretation Techniques 3 SH
EC 336 Social/Emotional Development and Guidance in ECE 3 SH
EC 376 Field Experience in ECE 1 SH
EDUC 250 Introduction to Education 3 SH
EDUC 272 Educational Technology 2 SH
EDUC 290 Theories of Learning & Management 2 SH
EDUC 380 Teaching English Lang. Learners 2 SH
EDUC 381 Human Relations/Cultural Diversity 3 SH
EDUC 390 Special Needs in an Inclusive Enviro. 3 SH
EDUC 400 Student Teaching (1st, 2nd or 3rd) 10 SH
EDUC 400A Part-Time Student Teaching 5 SH
EDUC 401 Electronic Portfolio, Assessment, and Seminar 2 SH
EDUC 401S Pre-Student Teaching Seminars 0 SH
EDUC 422 Educational Assessment 2 SH
PSYC 255 Child and Adolescent Psychology 3 SH

Total 47 SH

Mayville State University’s online Early Childhood Education degree program has been ranked among the best online Early Childhood Education programs by SuccessfulStudent.org (2020), and Online U (2020). Selection was based on weight-ed factors, including academic excellence, course offerings, faculty strengths, and reputation.

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