



WELCOME

The University of South Carolina Upstate offers Graduate Programs in Education for certified teachers. These programs are designed to assist professionals in advancing their careers and broadening their base of knowledge. In the graduate programs, you will learn ways to improve classroom practice, apply research to your teaching, and enhance your students' learning, in addition to increasing marketability and salary expectations.

The USC Upstate School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the South Carolina Department of Education and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

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Early Childhood education

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ADMISSIONS

Master of Education candidates seeking admission must submit:

- Graduate application along with application fee
- Copy of valid teaching certificate
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework

- A score of at least 390 on the MAT or minimum scores of 400 on both the verbal and quantitative scales of the GRE
- Citizenship Verification Form accompanied by all required legal documents

Re-Certification and Add-on Certification Candidates must submit:

- Non-degree seeking application form along with an application fee
- Copy of a valid teaching certificate

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BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

- Courses offered through distance delivery and on campus in the evening
- Small class sizes
- A comprehensive and culturally responsive program of study
- Opportunities throughout the program to embed what you are learning in your classroom
- Professors who are leaders in their field of teaching and have published books and articles that are widely read across the country
- Program prepares you to effectively meet the educational needs of diverse learners.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSEWORK

For Obtaining A Master's Degree In Two Years

Master of Education in Early Childhood Education

I. Core Required Courses (18 Credits)

- SERM 700: Introduction to Research in Education
- SEPY 705: Children and Adolescents as Learners
- SECH 740: The Young Child: Applying Theory & Research
- SECH 742: Advanced Study of Early Childhood Curricula and Program Models
- SEFN 744: Philosophy and Education
- SECH 608: Parent Involvement in Early Childhood Education

II. Specialized Early Childhood Requirements (9-12 Credits) Selected From

- SECH 744: Advanced Study of Language Development and Communication Skills in Early Childhood Education
- SECH 750: Play Theory and Early Learning
- SECH 794: Types of Early Childhood Centers
- SECH 811: Current Trends and Issues in Early Childhood Education
- SEDL 642: Teaching Mathematics to Young Children
- SLCY 722: Developing Literacy from Kindergarten through Second Grade

III. Related Study (3-6 credits)

IV. Final Seminar (3 credits)

- SECH 797: Seminar in Early Childhood Education

Although you may obtain your M. Ed in two years, you have six years to complete your degree.

No more than six hours of professional development courses may be used in a degree program.

