Early Childhood Education (B.S.Ed.)

Where your classroom experience includes working with the young students you’ll teach.

The education of young children, birth through grade 3, directly impacts their development and helps to shape the adults they will become. The time you spend in the Early Childhood Education program classes, field experiences, and student teaching at UND will transform you into an observer, learner and independent decision-maker with an effective teaching style for children.

**Program Snapshot**

- **Program type:** Major
- **Format:** On-campus
- **Est. time to complete:** 4 years
- **Credit hours:** 125-128

**Why Study Early Childhood Education at UND?**

As you earn your early childhood education degree, you’ll focus on children in the context of family, culture and community. You’ll explore developmentally appropriate practices, emergent curriculum, descriptive assessment, and problem-solving approaches to resolving conflict and choices for children.

The early childhood education program is part of the College of Education & Human Development. Early childhood courses focus on building practical skills, engaging in small group work, and extensive time working with highly experienced faculty.

Most classes are small, with about 12-25 students per class. Classroom experiences model field tested practices and engage students in evidence-based learning techniques. All classes are capped at 25 students, meaning you’ll receive individual attention.

**Top Early Childhood Education Degree in the Nation**

Every early childhood education program offers education, but not every program prepares students to make a real impact the way UND does. UND is increasingly regarded as one of the top academic and research institutions in the nation for early childhood education. We consistently rank among the best for educational quality, affordability, and career outcomes.

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**Accreditation**

Programs within the College are fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

**Priority Application Deadlines**

- **FALL:** FEB. 1* (FRESHMEN) | APRIL 15* (TRANSFER STUDENTS)
- **SPRING:** DEC. 1
- **SUMMER:** APRIL 1

*academic scholarship priority deadline

**Program Highlights**

- Enroll in early childhood education courses prior to admission to the program.
- Students have direct involvement with children in more than 60% of the courses.
- Join the Early Childhood Education Student Organization (ECESO).

Outcomes

100% Early childhood education graduates employed or pursuing graduate degrees
100% Graduates employed in positions related to their UND early childhood education degree

Teacher Licensure

You’ll be eligible for licensure to teach in North Dakota after successfully completing a Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) with an overall grade point average of at least 2.75, passing state licensure exams and meeting the state’s legal requirements with a satisfactory background check.

If seeking a license, you should apply to the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board prior to graduation. If you’re interested in a teacher license from states other than North Dakota, contact the Advising Office for the College of Education & Human Development.

Careers

You’ll graduate with limitless career opportunities and a solid foundation for working with children ranging in age from 0-8 years old. Students with an early childhood education degree can teach and be a leader in:

- Public schools (PreK and Kindergarten through third grade)
- Early Head Start
- Child care and education centers
- Administration/Director