Get your degree at one of the best early childhood education programs in the nation. 100% of our graduates are employed or pursuing graduate degrees.

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. You'll become an observer, learner and independent decision-maker with an effective teaching style for children.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Major
Format: On-campus or online
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.

Interested in our Accelerated Early Childhood Education program?

Early Childhood Education B.S. + Special Education Minor + Early Childhood Education M.S.

The online accelerated degree programs for the M.S. or M.Ed. in Special Education allows those with an associate’s degree in education or currently enrolled undergraduate students at UND an opportunity to complete the requirements for both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees at an accelerated pace. Undergraduates with 60 credits or those currently in an Education degree program are eligible for consideration for the accelerated degree program.

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 by NCA and CAEP
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).

Application Deadlines

**FALL:**
FRESHMEN: FEB. 1* | AUG. 1
TRANSFERS: APRIL 15* | AUG. 1
*ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINE
SPRING: DEC. 15
SUMMER: MAY 1

Early Childhood 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).
- Learn at one of best early childhood programs in the Upper Midwest.

Jobs in Early Childhood Education

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.

When You Major in Early Childhood Education

An Early Childhood Education degree gives you the strategic skills you need, including:

- Curriculum Development
- Lesson Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Child Development

Careers in Early Childhood Education

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
UND Early Childhood Education Major Alumni

Early Childhood Education alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Grand Forks Public Schools
- Bismarck Public Schools
- Cartwright School District No. 83
- Headstart
- Mount Ayr Community School, Inc.