

**COURSEWORK LEADING TO A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
 IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

PRIOR STUDIES AND PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS - Up to 25 hours

As candidates may enter the Ph.D. program from a variety of early childhood related fields, there are a number of basic prerequisites required for all applicants. If a Ph.D. applicant has completed most / all of the following coursework, they may enter the program and start their Ph.D. coursework the first semester. If Ph.D. applicants have not taken courses similar to the ones listed below, then the applicant can be accepted into the program and is expected to complete the majority of the prerequisite coursework prior to taking doctoral level classes.

Determination of whether the following coursework has been completed will be made by the program coordinator from a review of transcripts.

	Sem, Yr
EPR 692 Introduction to Educational Research Design	
EPR 596 Introduction to Qualitative Methods of Educational Research	
EPR 608 Statistical Methods and Research in Education (with EPR 607 lab)	
EPR 609 Statistical Methods and Research in Education: Intermediate	
Curriculum Development in Early Childhood Education (EEC 610)	
Child Development in Early Childhood Education (EEC 300)	
EEC 672 Piaget & Perspectives or ECE 630 Cognitive Curriculum	
EEC 660 Readings in Teaching and Learning*	

* may be met through submission of portfolio / artifacts that demonstrate proficiency of applicable skills. Indicate with an **X** if taken before at another institution (and approved by advisor).

Applicants may be asked to identify and submit additional documentation (course syllabi) to substantiate course credit toward prerequisite courses / requirements that may have been met through prior studies.

Notes:

- If the academic advisor foresees deficiencies in the student’s progress/coursework (writing quality issues, research competency), the advisor may require additional courses. This is why the checklist says “MINIMUM of...”. The advisor and program director will make the final decision of any additional coursework.
- It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with the UAB Graduate School’s policies. www.uab.edu/graduate/ All deadlines and online forms are contained on this website.
- UAB residency requirements are that you are enrolled for a minimum of 9 semesters of full time study, or more if you are completing the program part time.

PHD COURSEWORK – Minimum of 54 Hours

If all prerequisites are met, the Ph.D. is a minimum of 54 hours made up of core, specialty, research, and dissertation hours. Students may apply for candidacy after 36 hours, with up to 6 hours being non-dissertation research credits:

Courses	Cred Hrs	Sem / YR Comp.
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A. Core Classes – 12 credit hours

ECE 730 – Issues in Developmental Theory	3	_____
ECE 731 – Children and Society	3	_____
ECE 749 – Advanced Early Childhood Curriculum	3	_____

One course from the following

One course from the following or other ECE 730+ course at discretion of committee ECE 732, ECE 735, ECE 737, ECE 748, ECE 792 Course: _____	3	_____
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B. Specialty Area – 12+ credit hours at the doctoral level

12+

All coursework must be approved by the ECE doctoral committee. Other coursework at discretion of the committee.

B1: Early Intervention – Four courses (12 hrs) from:

Four courses from:		
ECE 738 _____	ECE 740 _____	
ECE 748 _____	ECE 760 _____	ECE 792 _____

Or B2: Piagetian Studies - Four courses (12 hrs):

Four courses:		
ECE 742 _____	ECE 743 _____	
ECE 744 _____	ECE 745 _____	

Or B3: Curriculum - Four courses (12 hrs):

ECE 746 ECE 760 and two courses from		
ECE 742, ECE 743, ECE 744, ECE 745		
ECE 746 _____	ECE 760 _____	

And two courses from

ECE 742 _____	ECE 743 _____	ECE 744 _____	ECE 745 _____
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Or B4: Literacy - Four courses (12 hrs):

ECE 750 _____	ECE 751 _____	ECE 752 _____	ECE 774 _____
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Or B5: Early Childhood Teacher Leader – Three/four courses (12-15 hrs)

approved by the student’s committee

ECE 700+ leadership coursework not taken at the Ed.S. level

ECE 700+ _____	ECE 700+ _____	ECE 700+ _____
EDL 700 _____	EDL 711 _____	
EDL 720 _____	EDL 732 _____	EDC 731 _____

C. Research Methodology – 12 credit hours at 600 or 700 level

EPR 696 – Qualitative Research **3** _____
 EPR 710 – Multivariate Research **3** _____

Qualitative, Quantitative, Mixed Methods track 6

Qualitative Research - 6 hours of courses from the following:

EPR 792 or SOC 708, EPR 796, other courses at discretion of committee
 (e.g., ECE 733, 740, 741, 748, 792, 793, or 794)

Course 1: _____ Sem: _____ Course 2: _____ Sem: _____

OR

Quantitative Research - 6 hours of courses from the following:

EPR 792, EPR 695, EPR 793, HB 714, SOC 704, PY 727, BST 640, BST 661, BST 671, SOC 706, other courses at discretion of committee
 (e.g., ECE 733, 740, 741, 748, 792, 793, or 794)

Course 1: _____ Sem: _____ Course 2: _____ Sem: _____

OR

Mixed Methods Research - 6 hours of courses from the following:

EPR 792, EPR 790, NRM 778Q, NRM 779Q, other courses at discretion of committee

Course 1: _____ Sem: _____ Course 2: _____ Sem: _____

D. Research Internship – 6 credit hours

ECE 798 – Non-dissertation Research: 3 hours in first 18 hours of study **3** _____

ECE 798 – Non-dissertation Research: Additional 3 hours prior to application to candidacy (minimum of 36 hrs) **3** _____

E. Dissertation – 12 + hours

ECE 799 – **Dissertation Research** - Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy. 3-12 hours. Two consecutive semesters of at least 6 hours each **12+** _____

Anne Washington

Approval Signature

7/19/2016

Date