



Program: **EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST**

Total Hours: 30-33

CLASS AA PROGRAM CHECKLIST FOR TEACHING FIELD

Institution: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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TEACHING FIELD	18-21
(At least 1/3 of the program shall be teaching field courses)	
*Advisor approved substitutions at the 600 or 700 level	
<u>EEC 660 Readings in Teaching and Learning</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EDC 711 Analysis and Evaluation of Teaching</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EEC 610 Curriculum Development in ELE & ECE</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EEC 625 Critical Pedagogy, Advocacy and Collaboration</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EEC 633 Classroom Application of Constructivist Theory</u>	<u>3</u>
Diversity	
<u>EDC 732 Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Instruction</u>	<u>3</u>
Survey of Special Education (if not previously completed)	
<u>ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learners</u>	<u>0-3</u>
ADDITIONAL COURSES	9
Research:	
<u>EPR 596 Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Educational Research</u>	<u>3</u>
Teaching Field Focus Area -Select One Area	
__Teacher Leader	
<u>EEC 611 Teaching Roles in ELEM & ECE</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EDC 707 Introduction to Teacher Leadership</u>	<u>3</u>
__Teacher Researcher	
<u>EPR 608 Statistical Methods and Action Research</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>EPR 609 Statistical Methods and Research in Education: Intermediate</u>	<u>3</u>
PRACTICUM	3
<u>ECE 691 Practicum in Supervision in ECE</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>EEC 692 Curriculum Projects</u>	<u>1</u>
And	
<u>*ECE 690 Infant Toddler Practicum</u>	<u>1</u>
Or	
<u>*ECE 692 Practicum in Primary Education</u>	<u>1</u>
*Enroll in course for age group different than in-service teaching position.	

Program Admission Requirements for Class AA Certification in Early Childhood Education

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the Graduate School, a candidate must meet requirements for unconditional admission to the Early Childhood Education Program. To be eligible for unconditional admission to this program, a candidate must hold a **valid** Alabama master's level professional educator certificate in Early Childhood (Class A) OR meet one of the special circumstances noted on the second page of this document.

ALSDPE Requirements for Class AA Certification in Early Childhood Education

Once a candidate has completed checklist requirements and has met all admission, exit, and certification requirements, the candidate will be eligible for Class AA certification in Early Childhood Education. To be eligible for this certification, the candidate must:

- Submit a completed application for certification during the last term of enrollment in the Class AA Early Childhood Program*;
- Complete the Class AA program with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on all course checklists; and
- Possess a Class A Professional Certificate as outlined on the second page of this document.

SPECIAL NOTES

Prospective students should NOT begin any coursework without first seeking advisement from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Students who ignore this admonition assume responsibility for their own mistakes.

*An individual who completes this program must submit application for Alabama certification within 60 calendar months of completion of this program.

Dean of Education: [Signature]
Date: 5-14-2020



Unconditional Admission to a Class AA Program for Teaching Fields. Requirements for unconditional admission shall include a **valid** master's level professional educator certificate in the same teaching field(s) in which the Class AA Professional Educator Certificate is sought, except as prescribed below:

(a) Special circumstances:

1. A teacher with a **valid** bachelor's level professional educator certificate in Elementary Education and a **valid** master's level professional educator certificate in Reading may be unconditionally admitted to a Class AA program in Elementary Education.
2. A teacher with a **valid** bachelor's level professional educator certificate in any teaching field and a **valid** master's level professional educator certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages may be unconditionally admitted to a Class AA program in the same teaching field for which the teacher holds a **valid** bachelor's level professional educator certificate.

- (b) If an individual is unconditionally admitted to an Alabama Class AA program based on a **valid** master's level professional educator certificate in another state, completes a Class AA program, and subsequently applies for Alabama certification at the Class AA level, then the individual must hold at least a **valid** Class A Professional Educator Certificate before applying for Class AA certification.
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