



BO _____ Candidate's Name: _____

Program: **Early Childhood
Educational Specialist**

Revised: 5-8-2017

Total Hours: 30-33

CLASS AA PROGRAM CHECKLIST FOR TEACHING FIELD

Institution: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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Teaching Field: 18

At least 1/3 of the program shall be teaching field courses.
EEC 692 Curriculum Projects 3
ECE 691 Practicum in Supervision in ECE 2
*EEC 694 Field Study 1 or 4
*EEC 660 Readings in Teaching and Learning (3)
*Students who have previously completed EEC 660 will complete 4 hours of Field Study (EEC 694). Students who have not previously completed EEC 660, will complete 1 hour of Field Study (EEC 694).
9 hours of advisor approved ECE and/or EEC Electives at the 600 level or above 9

Diversity: 3

EDC 720 Problems and Issues in Education 3

Research: 3

EPR 594 Introduction to Educational Research Design 3
(This course is a prerequisite for EEC 692 EEC 694)

Additional Required Courses 6

EDC 707 Introduction to Teacher Leadership 3
EDC 711 Analysis and Evaluation of Teaching 3

Survey of Special Education Coursework:
(required if not previously completed):
ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learners 0-3

Practicum: (if required):
See ECE 691 Practicum in Supervision in ECE in the Teaching Field Section above.

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 Education (Class A) OR meet one of the special circumstances noted on second page of this document.

ALSDE 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 this Class AA program with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on all courses on this checklist;
- achieve a passing score on a comprehensive assessment documenting mastery of the curriculum; and
- possess a Class A Professional Certificate as outlined on the second page of this document.

Dean of Education:

[Signature]

Date: 05/25/2017



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 early childhood education and a valid master's-level professional educator certificate in reading may be unconditionally admitted to a Class AA program in early childhood education. 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.
