

Student: _____ **ID#** _____ **Advisor:** _____

As candidates may enter the Ph.D. program from a variety of early childhood related fields, there are a number of prerequisites required for all applicants. 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 Director from a review of transcripts. Applicants may be asked to identify and submit additional documentation (course syllabi) to substantiate course credit toward prerequisites.

Prior studies and prerequisite requirements - up to 28 credit hours	Hours	Sem., Year
EEC 300 Child Development in Early Childhood Education		
EPR 594 Introduction to Educational Research Design		
EPR 596 Introduction to Qualitative Methods of Educational Research		
EPR 608 Statistical Methods and Research in Education		
EPR 609 Statistical Methods and Research in Education: Intermediate		
EEC 610 Curriculum Dev. in ECE/ELEM, or ECE 620 Intro to Curriculum and Teaching in Cultural and Familial Contexts, or EEC 612 Models of Teaching		
ECE 630 Cognitive Curriculum, or EEC 672 Piaget & Perspectives, or EEC 633 Classroom Application of Constructivist Theory		
EEC 660 Readings in Teaching and Learning (may be met through submission of portfolio/artifacts)		
ECE 791 Field Studies in Early Childhood Education (*if candidate lacks teaching experience in ECE)		

PHD COURSEWORK - Minimum of 54 Hours	Hours	Sem. Completed
A) Core Courses (15 hours)		
ECE 730 Issues in Developmental Theory	3	
ECE 731 Children and Society	3	
ECE 732 Doctoral Seminar III: History of Early Childhood Education	3	
ECE 749 Advanced Early Childhood Curriculum	3	
ECE 790 Internship in Early Childhood Education	3	
B) Interest area - 9+ credit hours at the doctoral 730+ level. Other coursework at the discretion of the ECE Advisor, Committee and Program Director.		
Select One (3 hours)		
ECE 740 Research Apprenticeship <u>OR</u> ECE 792 Directed Readings in Research	3	
Select Two (6+ hours)		
ECE 735 Meaning and Development of Play	3	
ECE 738 The Consultation Process and the Young Child	3	
ECE 748 Research in Infancy	3	
ECE 750 Literacy Before School	3	
ECE 752 Theory Research Literacy Development Instruction	3	
*Advisor and Program Director approved interest area course at the 600 or 700 level	3	
C) Research Methodology (12+ hours - 600 or 700 level, not including listed prerequisites)		
EPR 696 Qualitative Research: Inquiry and Analysis	3	
EPR 710 Computer Applications and Advanced Statistical Methods	3	
GRD 717 Principles of Scientific Integrity	3	
Select ONE of the Following		
EPR 695 Survey Methods in Educational Research	3	
EPR 792 Mixed Methods Approaches to Educational Research	3	
ECE 740 Research Apprenticeship	3	
ECE 792 Directed Readings in Research	3	
*Advisor and Program Director approved research course at the 600 or 700 level (not including listed prerequisites)	3	
D) Research Internship (6+ hours)		
ECE 798 Non-dissertation research – semester prior to application to candidacy	6	
E) Dissertation (12+ hours)		
ECE 799 - Dissertation research	12	
Prerequisite: Admission to candidacy. 3 -12 hours. Two consecutive semesters of at least 6 credit hours each.		

Notes:

- Minimum Enrollment: 9 semesters (including summer)
- Maximum Duration: 7 years
- 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.
- 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.
- It is the student's responsibility to keep up with the UAB Graduate School's policies and deadlines. All deadlines and online forms are contained on this website: www.uab.edu/graduate/
- 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.

Associate Dean:  Date: 12/13/19