TEACHER PREPARATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

A strong educational foundation, built early, is crucial for students’ future success. UAB’s Early Childhood and Elementary Education program teaches educators to recognize and meet the evolving needs of P-6 students in their earliest exposure to education. A curriculum of blended online and traditional courses, fully online courses, flexible summer and Saturday classes, and learning communities and practicums can lead to an M.A.Ed with Class A certification, an Ed.S. with Class AA certification, or a Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education.
**TRADITIONAL MASTER’S (MA)**

**GOAL:** TO IMPROVE TEACHING SKILLS  
**TARGETED CERTIFICATION:** CLASS A  
**PREREQUISITE:** VALID CLASS B CERTIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY AND/OR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
**ADMISSION TESTS:** GRE OR MAT  
**COURSES (31-34 CREDIT HOURS):**
- Teaching Reading P-12  
- Readings in Teaching and Learning  
- Curriculum Development in Elementary and Early Childhood Education  
- Critical Pedagogy in P-6 Education  
- Studying the Young Child in School  
- Education as a Profession  
- Practicum in ELE/ECE  
- 3 CREDIT HOURS FROM AMONG 8 COURSES RELATED TO DIVERSITY  
- 6 CREDIT HOURS FROM AMONG THE FOLLOWING:
  - Primary Math  
  - Cognitive Curriculum  
  - Teaching Mathematics  
  - Teaching Science  
  - Teaching Social Studies  
  - Pre- and Early Reading  
  - Teaching Language Arts  
  - Workshop in Education  
  - Literature for Grades P-12  
  - Reading Assessment and Evaluation  
  - Research and Problems in Reading  
  - Current Issues in Education  

**EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (EDS)**

**GOAL:** TO ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS  
**TARGETED CERTIFICATION:** CLASS AA  
**PREREQUISITE:** VALID CLASS A CERTIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY AND/OR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
**ADMISSION TESTS:** GRE OR MAT  
**COURSES (31-34 CREDIT HOURS):**
- Education as a Profession  
- Problems and Issues in Education  
- Introduction to Teacher Leadership  
- Analysis and Evaluation of Teaching  
- Curriculum Projects  
- Readings in Teaching and Learning  
- Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Education  
- Field Study  
- Practicum in Supervision  
- 9 CREDIT HOURS OF ADVISOR APPROVED ELECTIVES AT THE 600 LEVEL OR ABOVE  

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**ALTERNATIVE MASTER’S PROGRAM (AMP)**

**THE AMP PROGRAM OFFERS CERTIFICATION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ONLY**  
**GOAL:** TO ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION  
**TARGETED CERTIFICATION:** ALTERNATIVE CLASS A  
**PREREQUISITE:** UC DEGREE WITH 2.75 GPA  
**ADMISSION TESTS:** PRAXIS II: ELEMENTARY MULTIPLE SUBJECTS, PRAXIS II: EARLY CHILDHOOD, AECTP BASIC SKILLS TEST  
**COURSES (49-58 CREDIT HOURS):**
- Education as a Profession  
- Measurement and Assessment  
- Introduction to Exceptional Learners  
- Learning Environments  
- Models of Teaching  
- Transition into Teaching  
- Systematic Reflections about Teaching  
- Workshop in Education  
- 6 DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC METHODS COURSES  
- Internship and Fieldwork  

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DOCTORAL PROGRAM (PHD)**

**GOAL:** EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL  
**PREREQUISITE:** DETERMINED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS  
**ADMISSION TESTS:** GRE OR MAT  
**PREREQUISITE:** DETERMINED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS  
**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:** MINIMUM OF 54 AFTER COMPLETION OF PREREQUISITES  
- 12 CREDIT HOURS IN AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SEMINAR SERIES  
- 12+ CREDIT HOURS IN AN SPECIALTY / EMPHASIS AREA: PIAGETIAN THEORY, LITERACY, EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM, EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER LEADERSHIP, OR EARLY INTERVENTION/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION  
- 6+ HOURS OF FOCUSED RESEARCH INTERNSHIP SPREAD ACROSS SEVERAL SEMESTERS  
- 12+ CREDIT HOURS OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY  
- 12+ CREDIT HOURS OF RESEARCH THAT LEAD TO SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A DISSERTATION  

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**EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (EDS)**

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