**Early Childhood Education**

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

The Early Childhood Education program of study prepares future teachers to work with children in early childhood and elementary school settings. Early Childhood students have the opportunity to participate in Tomorrow’s Teachers Learning Community, where they take courses and live in a residential hall with other education majors. Students also receive support in preparation for the Missouri General Education Assessment, which is required for admission to the Educator Preparation Program. We also provide our future educators the tools to learn to use and integrate instructional technology across our curriculum. Join our EDvolution of future educators!

**Becoming Career Ready…**

- Students will be certified to teach ages Birth – 3rd grade upon successful completion of this program and licensure exams.
- Students may choose to add on certification in Elementary Education (Grades 1 – 6).
- Students integrate technology into the curriculum with the EDvolution one-to-one instructional technology program.
- Students have the opportunity for student teaching abroad, including our partnership with Eagles College in Iquique, Chile.
- BS Ed. students have opportunities for leadership in numerous student organizations.
- Full-time faculty with experience in the classroom are the primary instructors of the curriculum for early childhood education majors.
- The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 GPA in both the area of content expertise and pedagogy courses. In addition, students must pass the MO Content Exam and the MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure. Students must also fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.
- 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. Early Childhood Education students experience this through multiple field experiences in local classrooms. In addition, there are student teaching opportunities abroad.
- The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to job opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**Admission Requirements**

- 42 credit hours completed
- 2.75 cumulative GPA
- One of the following: 1) Composite/Superscore of 20 or higher on the ACT exam; 2) Passing scores on all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA); or 3) A 4-year degree from an accredited college/university
- The following course requirements met:
  - A grade of C or above in CF/PY120 The Child.
  - A grade of B or above in ED280 Introduction to Education as a Profession.

**Education Outlook**

- Early Childhood was the fourth highest teacher shortage area in MO in 2019-2020.
- Students secure teaching positions across the state of Missouri, in surrounding states, and beyond.
- Early Childhood graduates with add-on certification in Elementary Education find jobs as preschool, kindergarten, and elementary grade teachers in public or private schools. Graduates may also work in programs such as Parents as Teachers or First Steps.
- First year teachers report feeling well prepared by Southeast Missouri State University on our annual survey of first-year teachers.
- Principals also report early childhood graduates are well-prepared as beginning teachers.

**EDvolution**

All students in Educator Preparation Programs must purchase an iPad for use during the program.

- Tech for You: become a better student with technology
- Tech for Us: learn how to teach with technology
- Tech for Them: use technology in your field experiences

**Field and Clinical Experiences**

**Early** – explore the role of educators before you commit to the degree

**Mid-level** – early childhood majors do field experiences with infants/toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and elementary aged students; field experiences are connected to education coursework

**Student Teaching** – semester long, co-teaching capstone experience in an early childhood classroom (PreK – 3rd gr.)

**Graduation Requirements**

- GPA: 2.75 cumulative; 3.0 professional education
- Pass the following Missouri Content Assessments: 064 Early Childhood Education, 007 (English Language Arts subtest), 008 (Mathematics subtest), 009 (Science subtest), and 10 (Social Studies subtest)
- Complete all required course work and field experiences

**Special Options with Early Childhood Education**

This program of study is also available at the Regional Campuses (Kennett and Sikeston) and the Poplar Bluff Delivery Site.

Southeast offers a Master of Arts in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

“Critical Courses” are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

Early Childhood Education students must be admitted to the Educator Preparation Program prior to enrolling in upper division (300 level or above) education courses.

Professional Education Courses:
A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in education courses. A grade of ‘B’ is required in ED 280, ED 366, and EN 140.

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Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA

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Milestone: Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA in Ed courses

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Milestone: Passing score MO Content Exams and MEES; 2.75 cumulative GPA; 3.0 GPA in professional education courses.

A “Milestone” signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 30 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program
- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI 100 for native students)
- Civics examination

This program includes the course work for add-on certification in Elementary Education (1st – 6th grades).

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