Master of Arts in Education
Concentration: Early Childhood Education

Program of Study (33 credits)

Effective August 2012

This program is intended for practicing teachers who have met SC Dept of Education requirements for certification in elementary education.

Core (12 credits of required study)

EDFD 602: Learning Theory (3)
EDFD 604: Statistics and Measurements in Education (3)
EDFD 606: Research in Education (3)
EDFD 608: The Culture of Schooling in America (3)

Concentration (18 credits of required study)

EDEC 640: Caregiving and Learning: The Infant and Toddler Years (3)
   Prerequisite: Human Growth and Development or equivalent. Recommended: EDEC 642
EDEC 641: Teaching and Learning: The Preschool Years (3)
EDEC 642: Teaching and Learning: The Early Primary Years (3)
   Prerequisite: Human Growth and Development or equivalent.
EDEC 746: Methods and Materials for Educating Young Children with Diverse Abilities (3)
   Prerequisite: Human Growth and Development or equivalent.

ELECTIVE: To be approved by graduate advisor (3)

EDEC 960: Practicum in Teaching the Young Child (3)
   Prerequisites: EDEC 640, 641, 642, 746
   Must be the last course in the Early Childhood sequence
   May be taken concurrently only with EDFD 879

Exit Requirement (3 credits)

EDFD 879: Master’s Seminar in Education (3)
   Must be the last course in the degree program
   May be taken concurrently only with EDEC 960

To add certification in Early Childhood Education, the candidate must submit a passing score on the Praxis II subject area test required by the SC Dept of Education and successfully complete the prescribed program above.