

BIRTH-KINDERGARTEN, POST-BACCALAUREATE INITIAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATE

The online Birth-Kindergarten (BK) Post-Baccalaureate Initial Licensure Certificate provides training for students with a bachelor’s degree seeking an initial NC Birth-Kindergarten teaching license. This certificate program requires 20 credit hours and is offered jointly by the departments of Human Development and Family Studies and Specialized Education Services. The program is designed to provide students with graduate level training and an initial teaching license in BK. Students also have an option for transitioning from this program into the M.Ed. program in which they may be eligible for an advanced license in BK. Course work from the plan of study for the Post-Baccalaureate Initial Licensure Certificate may be applied to the M.Ed. in Birth to Kindergarten: Interdisciplinary Studies in Preschool Education and Development provided the student meets all admission requirements of The Graduate School, the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the Department of Specialized Education Services.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

The certificate is available to individuals with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education, child development, early childhood special education, or a related field. Students who wish to transition into the MEd program must submit a new application for the MEd to The Graduate School. It is the students’ responsibility to initiate the process and review it with their advisor. It is recommended that that student take the GRE within the first 6 hours of study to guarantee a timelier processing of their application package.

Program Requirements

Required: 20 credit hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BK Initial Licensure Required Courses		20
SES 601	Introduction to Inclusive Birth-Kindergarten Services	
SES/HDF 606	Preschool-Kindergarten Learning in Inclusive Settings	
SES/HDF 607	Infant-Toddler Learning in Inclusive Settings	
SES 603	Screening/Assessment in Inclusive Early Childhood Services	
SES 649C	Practicum in Special Education	

Certificate with MEd in Birth-Kindergarten: Interdisciplinary Studies in Education and Development

Required: 44 credit hours

Courses listed in Certificate Requirements plus the following 24 credit hours:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HDF 650	Theory and Research in Early Childhood	3
ERM 604	Methods of Educational Research	3
SES 602	Inclusive Family-Centered Practices in Early Childhood	3
HDF 633	Advanced Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
HDF 636	Leadership and Mentoring in Educating Young Children	3
SES 604	Internship in Inclusive Early Childhood	6
Electives		
Select 3 credits of Professional Portfolio		3