

# BIRTH-KINDERGARTEN INITIAL LICENSURE, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

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The online Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Birth-Kindergarten (BK) Initial Licensure 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 Certificate may be applied to the M.Ed. in Birth to Kindergarten: Interdisciplinary Studies in 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 <https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/>.

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. The minimum required undergraduate GPA is 2.85.

Students who wish to transition into the M.Ed. program must submit a new application for the M.Ed. to the Graduate School. It is the students' responsibility to initiate the process and review it with their advisor.

## Certificate Program Requirements

**Required:** 20 credit hours

| Code  | Title  | Credit Hours |
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| <b>Birth-Kindergarten Initial Licensure Required Courses (20 credits)</b> |  |              |
| SES 601   | Introduction to Inclusive Birth-Kindergarten Services      | 3            |
| SES 603   | Screening/Assessment in Inclusive Early Childhood Services | 3            |
| SES/HDF 606   | Preschool-Kindergarten Learning in Inclusive Settings      | 4            |
| SES/HDF 607   | Infant-Toddler Learning in Inclusive Settings              | 4            |
| SES 649C  | Practicum in Special Education                             | 6            |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>20</b>    |