Class A Certificate – Early Childhood Education P-3

Alternative Master's Program - Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Course of Study-Effective Fall 2026
University of South Alabama – College of Education and Professional Studies
Total Hours: 42

Please contact program coordinator, Dr. Kelly Byrd, @ kbyrd@southalabama.edu for the current course progression.

		Hours	Semester	Grade
Curriculum and Teaching (12 Hours)				
EEC 523	Instructional Planning in the Elementary School	3		
EEC 537	Teaching Science	3		
EEC 548	Early Childhood Practicum *(Prerequisites: EEC 537, EEC 584, and RED 531)*	3		
EEC 553	Organizational Patterns and Curriculum in ECE	3		
Special Education (3 Hours)				
SPE 500	Nature and Needs of Exceptional Child and Youth	3		
Technology (3 Hours)				
EDM 510	Microcomputing Systems in Education	3		
Science of Reading (9 Hours)				
EEC 532	Language Development in the Elementary School	3		
RED 520	Reading Foundations	3		
RED 531	Trends and Practices in Teaching Reading *(Prerequisite: RED 520)*	3		
Numeracy (9 Hours)				
EEC 544	What It Means to Know and Do Mathematics	3		
EEC 564	Planning Engaging Mathematics Instruction: Building Knowledge Through Social Interaction (*Prerequisite: EEC 544)*	3		
EEC 584	Planning Mathematics Instruction Informed by Student Assessment Data *(Prerequisite: EEC 564)*	3		
Internship (6 Hours)				
EEC 598	ECE Internship - Supervised practice in a school setting in the teaching field. The student will work full time in the school an entire semester. *(Prerequisite: Passing score on the following exams: *Praxis Test: Early Childhood Education; Foundations of Reading and Foundations of Mathematics.)*	6		

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**Testing requirements are subject to change as dictated by the ALSDE. Prior to registering for the Praxis exam, please verify the current requirement for your specific certification area by going directly to the ALABAMA portion of the Praxis website at http://ets.org/praxis/al/al_teacher_ed.*