Early Childhood Studies-Bachelor of Science

Non-Teacher Certification

Course of Study-Effective Fall 2026

University of South Alabama – College of Education and Professional Studies

General Education (45 Hours)	**Grade**	**Hours**
Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)		
*EH 101 English Composition I (**Prerequisite course for Candidacy)*		3
*EH 102 English Composition II *(*Prerequisite course for Candidacy)*		3
***Area II -Humanities and Fine Arts (4 Courses, 12 Hours)* Sequence required in either English (EH) or History (HY)**		
*CA 110 Public Speaking *(*Prerequisite course for Candidacy)*		3
One course from EH 215, 216; 225, 226; 235, 236		3
One course from: ARH 100, 103, 123; ARS 101; DRA 110; MUL 101		3
One course from EH 215, 216; 225, 226; 235, 236 or advisor approved humanities or fine arts elective**.**		3
Area III - Natural Science and Mathematics (3 Courses, 11 Hours)		
One course from: MA 110, 112, 113, 115, 120 or 125		3
BLY 101 (*BLY 121 may be substituted for 101.)*		4
One course from (including lab): BLY 102, 122; CH 101, 103, 131, 132; GEO 101, 102; GY 111, 112; PH 101, 104, 114, 115, 201, 202 (Or NS transfers)		4
***Area IV - History, Social and Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)* Sequence required in either English (EH) or History (HY)** (*Students will only receive credit for 2 history courses.)*		
PSY 120		3
One course from HY 101, 102; HY 121, 122; HY 135, 136		3
One course from: AN 100, 101; ECO 215, 216; GEO 114, 115; PSC 130; PSY 120, 250; SY 109, 112		3
One course from**:** AN 100, 101; ECO 215, 216; GEO 114, 115; HY 101, 102, 121, 122, 135, 136; PSC 130; PSY 120, 250; SY 109, 112		3
Health/Physical Education (2 Courses, 4 Hours)		
KIN 100 Concepts of Health and Fitness		3
PE 101-157 PE Activity Course		1
General Electives (15 Hours) (*Maximum of 3 Hours from PE 101-157 allowed.)*		
Elective		3
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Early Childhood Studies Core (60 Hours) *(Minimum of C grade required.)*		
AED 301 Visual Arts for Young Children		3
*CIS 150, CIS 250 or *EDM 310 *(*Prerequisite course for Candidacy)*		3
EDU 400 Education for Exceptional Children and Youth		
EEC 300 Creating Environment for Learning Through Play		3
EEC 315 Meeting Individual Needs in Early Childhood Classrooms		
EEC 338 Curriculum App in Music-Movement in Early Childhood		3
EEC 346 Early Childhood Program (W) *(Requires Candidacy; Satisfies University Writing Requirement)*		3
*EEC 351 Child Development and Learning *(*Prerequisite course for Candidacy)*		
EEC 496 Internship *(Requires Candidacy)* **(***Students must apply for Internship one semester in advance.)*		9
HS 365 HPE Curr/Methods-Elem Teachers		3
KIN 166 Movement, Rhythms and Develop Activities		3
MUE 301 Music Literacy Child and Youth		3
PSY 350 Child and Adolescent Development		3
RED 334 Literature for the Young Child (W) *(Requires Candidacy; Satisfies University Writing Requirement)*		3
RED 348 Language & Literacy Development in Early Childhood (W) *(Requires Candidacy; Satisfies University Writing Requirement)*		3
9 Hours of Advisor Approved Electives:		
Elective (Recommended: MUE 236 Mus-Lit Integ for Early Childhood)		3
Electives from the following prefixes**:** ACC, AED, AN, ARH, ARS, BLY, BMD, BUS, CAS, CH, DRA, ECO, EDF, EDU, EEC, EH, EMS, FIN, GEO, GY, HS, HY, IST, KIN 231-499, LGS, MA, MGT, MKT, MUE, PH, PSC, PSY, RED, SHS, ST, SW, SY		6
	Total Hours	**120**

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University and College Requirements:

Writing Requirement – The University requires that a candidate for graduation must have completed two designated writing credit courses at USA, with at least one course chosen from offerings in the candidate's major or minor. Courses meeting this requirement are designated with a (W) after the course title in the "Courses" section of the University Bulletin. Individuals who transfer in credit to substitute for a course(s) designated as a (W) course must meet the writing requirement by taking a (W) course(s) at USA.

Transient Approval – Students must have prior approval (obtained in the Advising Center) to enroll as a transient student at another institution. A maximum of 60 semester hours (or 50% of total hours required for the program) may be accepted from a two-year institution.

Residency Requirement – A candidate for graduation must complete a minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree through instruction offered by the University of South Alabama in upper-division course work (300 and 400 levels).

Candidacy Admission Requirements for Early Childhood Studies Majors in Leadership and Teacher Education

Hours:

- **60 program hours. A minimum of 12 semester hours must be taken at USA.**

GPA Requirements:

- **2.20 Minimum Overall GPA (All work attempted at USA.)**
- **2.20 Minimum ECS Core GPA (All courses used in the Early Childhood Core, including transfer work.)**
- **D, F or U grades earned in Candidacy courses will result in removal from Candidacy.**

Course Requirements:

- **CA 110, EH 101, EH 102, CIS 150 or CIS 250 or EDM 310, EEC 351**

Other requirements:

- **Proof of clear DHR or SDE fingerprinting/background check and professional liability insurance.**
- **Completion of a satisfactory departmental interview with your assigned advisor. Recommendation of advisor and department chairperson.**
- **Sufficient physical ability and emotional stability to perform as a professional.**

Application/Admission Information:

- **Candidacy applications are due one semester prior to enrolling in classes that require Candidacy. The intent is for students to apply for Candidacy AND meet with their advisor prior to registration to enable appropriate planning decisions for upcoming semesters.**
- **Students approaching eligibility will receive a link to the online application in their JagMail.**
- **After final grades are posted and all requirements are verified as met, the Office of Student Services will notify students by JagMail when they are admitted to Candidacy. Students will then be able to register for Candidacy courses.**