

Master of Science in Education – Early Childhood Specialty Area
32 hour thesis option

CORE CURRICULUM

21-24 semester hours

C & I Core	CI 500	Research Methods in Education
	CI 503	Introduction to Curriculum
	CI 504	Systematic Approaches to Instruction
Early Childhood Core	CI 402	Cultural Diversity in Education and Family Services
	CI 518	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods
	CI 514	The Pre-School Child
	CI 599	Thesis (3-6 semester hours)

The following specialization areas are given as a guide to choose an additional 8-11 hours of coursework:

SPECIALIZATION AREAS

8-11 semester hours

Child Development

CI 404 Infant Development
 CI 413 Language Development
 CI498H Documenting Young
 Children’s Develop. & Learning
 CI527 Advanced Family Studies

Instruction & Methods

CI 418 History & Philosophy
 of early Childhood Education
 CI419 Child, Family and
 Community Involvement
 CI466 Documenting
 Accomplished Teaching
 CI498H Documenting Young
 Children’s Develop. & Learning
 CI508 Systematic Observation
 & Analysis of Instruction
 CI513 Emergent Literacy
 CI528 Methods in Math
 CI594H Practicum in EC

Family Literacy

CI407F Diagnostic Teaching Strat
 CI419 Child, Family and Community
 Involvement
 CI421 Family Literacy
 CI513 Emergent Literacy
 CI527 Advanced Family Studies
 CI594H Practicum in Family Literacy
 REHB453 Personal & Family Lifestyling
 SPED515 Collaborative Service Delivery
 WED468 Education/Labor Linkages

CF Leadership and Advocacy

CI403 Child Abuse & Neglect
 CI498H Early Intervention
 CI507 Impact of Public Intervention
 CI517 Organization & Administration
 CI594H Practicum in EC Leadership

Students may also select, in consultation with their advisor, 6 hours of electives other than those listed above which are relevant to their program of study.

Other Information:

At least 15 credits must be at the 500 level and be taken at SIUC.
 No more than 11 credits earned at another university may be accepted.

No more than 6 credits of CI 498 workshops may be applied to a degree.

PURPOSE: The master's degree program in Early Childhood Education is flexible and may be tailored to meet the professional needs of the individual student. Courses within the specialization prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to assume a variety of leadership roles in research, education, and policy-making situations involving children from birth through 8 years of age. The thesis option is designed specifically for students considering advanced graduate work at the doctoral level and students who are interested in doing scholarly research.

