

**Master of Science in Education – Early Childhood Specialty Area**  
**36 hour option**

**CORE CURRICULUM**

**21 semester hours**

<b>C &amp; I Core</b>	CI 500	Research Methods in Education
	CI 503	Introduction to Curriculum
	CI 504	Systematic Approaches to Instruction
<b>Early Childhood Core</b>	CI 402	Cultural Diversity in Education and Family Services
	CI 518	Early Childhood Curriculum and Methods
	CI 514	The Pre-School Child
	CI 520	Research in Early Childhood

**The following specialization areas are given as a guide to choose an additional 15 hours of coursework:**

**SPECIALIZATION AREAS**

**15 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  
 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.