

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Sample Plan

The academic plan below is one pathway through the degree/certificate. It includes all requirements, taking into account recommendations from program faculty. Each student's plan may vary according to their initial course placement (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/courseplacement/>), intended course load, additional majors and/or minors, and their placement into required prerequisite courses. Any change in the plan below can have an unforeseen impact on the rest of the plan. **Therefore, it is very important to meet with your academic advisor to verify your personal academic plan.**

Please review the following terms, definitions, and resources associated with the sample academic plan below.

- Each course in the far left column links to a pop-up bubble with a course description, prerequisite requirements, and associations with university requirements. For example, if a course fulfills a general education requirement, you will see that in the pop-up bubble.
- GER:** indicates a General Education Requirement (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>). GERs that also count toward degree/certificate requirements appear as a specific course in the plan. For these courses, "GER" is not indicated explicitly in the table, but if you click on the course, you will see the course's GER status in the pop-up bubble.
- Program Elective:** indicates a specific course selection determined by program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- Elective:** indicates an open selection of 100-400 level university courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate.
- Upper Division Program Elective:** indicates a specific 300-400 level course selection determined by the program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- Upper Division Elective:** indicates an open selection of 300-400 level courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate. These courses must be upper division in order to meet General University Requirements for the particular degree/certificate type.

Sample Plan - Licensed Birth-3rd Grade Teacher Track

First Year

Fall		Credits
COMM A235	Small Group Communication	3
or	or Public Speaking	
COMM A241		

EDEC A105	Introduction to the Field of Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC A106	Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood	3
EDEC A107	Child Development and Learning	3
WRTG A111	Writing Across Contexts	3

Credits 15

Spring

EDEC A108	Health, Nutrition and Wellness for Children Birth-12	3
EDEC A241	Infant and Toddler Development	3
MATH A121	Applied College Algebra	3-4
or	or College Algebra for Calculus	
MATH A151	or Elementary Statistics	
or	STAT A200	

GER Natural Science 3

GER Written Communication Skills 3

Credits 15-16

Second Year

Fall

ANTH A200	Alaska Native Cultures	3
or PSY A111	or Introduction to Psychology	
or PSY A150	or Lifespan Development	

EDEC A206 Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Young Children 3

EDEC A210 Guiding Young Children 3

EDEC A242 Culturally Responsive Family Engagement 3

GER Natural Sciences 3

GER Natural Sciences Lab 1

Credits 16

Spring

EDEC A292 Early Childhood Practicum Seminar 3

EDEC A295 Early Childhood Practicum 3

EDEC A303 Young Children in Inclusive Settings 3

HIST A132 History of the United States II 3

GER Fine Arts 3

Credits 15

Third Year

Fall

EDEC A320 Foundations of Literacy and Language Development 3

EDEC A321 Language, Reading and Culture 3

MATH A211 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I 3

or MATH A212 or Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II

GER Humanites 3

Elective 3

Credits 15

Spring

EDEC A407	Observation, Documentation, and Assessment of Young Children	3
EDEC A408	Children's Literature: Early Childhood Years	3
EDFN A300	Philosophical and Social Context of American Education	3
Program Elective (Alaska Studies)		3
Elective		3
Credits		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

EDEC A403	Mathematics and Science in Early Childhood	3
EDEC A404	Literacy Methods for Young Children	3
EDEC A490	Selected Topics in Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC A492Y	Early Childhood Student Teaching 1 Seminar	3
EDEC A495Y	Early Childhood Student Teaching 1	3
Credits		15

Spring

EDEC A492Z	Early Childhood Capstone Seminar	3
EDEC A495Z	Early Childhood Student Teaching 2	9
Upper Division Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		121-122

Sample Plan - Child Life Specialist Track**First Year**

Fall		Credits
COMM A235 or COMM A241	Small Group Communication or Public Speaking	3
EDEC A105	Introduction to the Field of Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC A106	Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood	3
EDEC A107	Child Development and Learning	3
WRTG A111	Writing Across Contexts	3
Credits		15

Spring

EDEC A108	Health, Nutrition and Wellness for Children Birth-12	3
EDEC A241	Infant and Toddler Development	3
MATH A121 or MATH A151 or STAT A200	Applied College Algebra or College Algebra for Calculus or Elementary Statistics	3-4
GER Natural Science		3

GER Written Communication Skills	3
Credits	15-16

Second Year**Fall**

EDEC A206	Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Young Children	3
EDEC A210	Guiding Young Children	3
EDEC A242	Culturally Responsive Family Engagement	3
PSY A111 or PSY A150	Introduction to Psychology or Lifespan Development	3
GER Natural Sciences		3
GER Natural Sciences Lab		1
Credits		16

Spring

EDEC A292	Early Childhood Practicum Seminar	3
EDEC A295	Early Childhood Practicum	3
EDEC A303	Young Children in Inclusive Settings	3
HIST A132	History of the United States II	3
GER Fine Arts		3
Credits		15

Third Year**Fall**

EDEC A190	Selected Topics in Early Childhood	1-3
EDEC A320	Foundations of Literacy and Language Development	3
EDEC A321	Language, Reading and Culture	3
GER Alaska Native-Themed		3
GER Humanites		3
Credits		13-15

Spring

EDEC A407	Observation, Documentation, and Assessment of Young Children	3
EDEC A408	Children's Literature: Early Childhood Years	3
EDFN A300	Philosophical and Social Context of American Education	3
PSY A143	Death and Dying	3
GER Intercultural Fluency		3
Credits		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

EDEC A490	Selected Topics in Early Childhood Education	3
PSY A348	Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	3
PSY A365	Child and Adolescent Development	3
Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
Credits		15

Spring

EDEC A492	Early Childhood Professional Seminar	3
EDEC A495	Early Childhood Internship	9
Elective		2
Credits		14
Total Credits		118-121

Sample Plan - Early Childhood Education Professional Track**First Year**

Fall		Credits
COMM A235 or COMM A241	Small Group Communication or Public Speaking	3
EDEC A105	Introduction to the Field of Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC A106	Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood	3
EDEC A107	Child Development and Learning	3
WRTG A111	Writing Across Contexts	3
Credits		15

Spring

EDEC A108	Health, Nutrition and Wellness for Children Birth-12	3
EDEC A241	Infant and Toddler Development	3
MATH A121 or MATH A151 or STAT A200	Applied College Algebra or College Algebra for Calculus or Elementary Statistics	3-4
GER Natural Sciences		3
GER Written Communication Skills		3
Credits		15-16

Second Year

Fall		
ANTH A200 or PSY A111 or PSY A150	Alaska Native Cultures or Introduction to Psychology or Lifespan Development	3
EDEC A206	Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Young Children	3
EDEC A210	Guiding Young Children	3
EDEC A242	Culturally Responsive Family Engagement	3
GER Natural Sciences		3
GER Natural Sciences Lab		1
Credits		16

Spring

EDEC A292	Early Childhood Practicum Seminar	3
EDEC A295	Early Childhood Practicum	3
EDEC A303	Young Children in Inclusive Settings	3
HIST A132	History of the United States II	3

GER Fine Arts	3
Credits	15

Third Year**Fall**

EDEC A320	Foundations of Literacy and Language Development	3
EDEC A321	Language, Reading and Culture	3
EDEC A190	Selected Topics in Early Childhood	3
GER Humanities		3
GER Intercultural Fluency		3
Credits		15

Spring

EDEC A407	Observation, Documentation, and Assessment of Young Children	3
EDEC A408	Children's Literature: Early Childhood Years	3
EDFN A300	Philosophical and Social Context of American Education	3
GER Alaska Native-Themed		3
Elective ¹		3
Credits		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

EDEC A490	Selected Topics in Early Childhood Education	3
Upper Division Program Elective ¹		3
Upper Division Program Elective ¹		3
Upper Division Program Elective ¹		3
Upper Division Program Elective ¹		3
Credits		15

Spring

EDEC A492	Early Childhood Professional Seminar	3
EDEC A495	Early Childhood Internship	9
Upper Division Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		121-122

¹ Requires advisor approval