



ACADEMIC MAP TO B.S. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

GALLASPY COLLEGE of Education and Human Development

2026-2027



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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	UNIV 1000 - The University Experience			1		C		
	ENGL 1010 - Composition & Rhetoric I			3		C		
	MATH 1020 - College Algebra or MATH 1035 - Contemporary Mathematics			3		C		
	ECED 2020 - Foundations of Diverse Early Childhood Education	+		3		C		
	HIST 2010 - History of the United States or HIST 2020 - History of the United States			3		C		
	SCI 1010 - Basic Concepts of Physical Science I			3		C		

- Secure a national background check
- Apply for Teacher Candidacy (2.5 GPA required to be admitted/remains in Teacher Candidacy)

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
EPSY 2020 - Introduction to Child and Adolescent Psychology			3		C		
ENGL 1020 - Composition and Rhetoric II			3		C		
MATH 1060 - Finite Mathematics			3		C		
SCI 1020 - Basic Concepts of Biological Science I			3		C		
COMM 1010 - Oral Communication			3		C		
ECED 3060 - Child Development and Appropriate Practices for Young Children	+		3		C		

- Complete steps to be admitted to Teacher Candidacy

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	ECED 3070 - Appropriate Practices for Infants And Toddlers	+		3		C		
	RDG 3030 - Introduction to Literacy Theory and Practice			3		C		
	ENGL 2110 - Introduction to Literature			3		C		
	MATH 2030 - Elementary and Middle School Mathematics			3		C		
	EPSY 3000 - Classroom Assessment			3		C		
	EDUC 3140 - Instructional Planning			3		C		

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SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ECED 3050 - Best Practices in Early Childhood Family Literacy	+		3		C		
*ECED 3080 - Program Design and Classroom Management for Young Children			3		C		
*ECED 3090 - Environments for Young Children			3		C		
*ECED 3110 - Early Childhood Methods			3		C		

- * Must be taken concurrently

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YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	ECED 3040 - Partnering with Diverse Families and Communities	+		3		C		
	* EDUC 3100 - Standards-Based Pedagogical Skills for Teaching Numeracy			3		C		
	* RDG 3080 - Dyslexia, Literacy, and the Science of Reading: Research-Validated Interventions and Applications			3		C		
	* EDUC 4330 - Content and Techniques of Teaching Science in the Elementary Classroom			3		C		
	* EDUC 4430 - Content and Techniques of Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Classroom			3		C		
	HIST 3040 - History of Louisiana or SST 3030 - Louisiana Studies			3		C		

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SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SCI 2020 - Basic Concepts of Biological Science II			3		C		
* EDUC 4080 - Applications of Teaching Literacy in the Elementary Classroom			3		C		
* EDUC 4230 - Teaching Methods in Numeracy and Mathematical Practices in the Elementary Classroom			3		C		
* HP 3120 - Health and Physical Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers			3		C		
SPED 3460 - Introduction to the Study of Individuals with Disabilities	+		3		C		

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- Take Praxis tests if you have not received passing scores
- Apply for Residency I

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YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	EDUC 4951 - Residency I-Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom			3		C		
	EDUC 3010 - Assessment and Data Literacy			3		C		
	NUTR 1070 - Nutrition for Children and Families			3		C		
	FA 1040 - Exploring the Arts			3		C		

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SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
EDUC 4952 - Residency II-Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom			3		C		
ETEC 3010 - Technology Integration for P-12 Digital Age Learning			3		C		
PSCI 2010 - Government of the United States			3		C		
MUS 2100 - Kindergarten and Elementary School Music or ART 2040 - Art Education I			2		C		



- Apply for graduation
- Apply for your teaching license

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits **120**

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses.

Requires admission to Teacher Candidacy

Requires Field Experience

Milestone

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.

YOU'VE FINISHED!



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Semester Credits = 120