



Early Childhood/Childhood (Birth - Grade 6)

For those who hold valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificates in both Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood (Grade 1-6) and are seeking the Master of Education as well as recommendations for Professional Teacher Certificates in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood (Grade 1-6). (See GSE website for additional requirements.)

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Professional Certification/Master of Education (Birth – Grade 6)

	Date*	Credits	Grade
MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENTS (21 credits)			
LAI 662 Research Seminar in Elementary Education	Fall	3	
LAI 502 Infant and Toddler Education Programs	Fall	3	
LAI 504 Program Planning and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	Fall	3	
LAI 506 Foundations of Early Childhood Education	Spr	3	
LAI 509 Arts in Early Childhood Education	Fall	3	
LAI 526 Agencies and Services for Children	Spr	3	
Select One of the Following Two Courses: LAI 571 Issues in Early Childhood Special Education <i>OR</i> LAI 574 Teaching the Exceptional Learner in the Regular Education Classroom	Fall Fall/Spr/Sum	3	
EMPHASIS AREA (18 credits) Choose one Emphasis Area and select eighteen credits from the appropriate area.			
<i>General Elementary:</i> LAI 521, LAI 530, LAI 540, LAI 551, LAI 560, LAI 565, or GSE elective with advisor approval			
<i>Literacy:</i> LAI 539, LAI 551, LAI 560, LAI 563, LAI 565, LAI 576, LAI XXX Effective Oral Language Practice, LAI XXX A Developmental Approach to Spelling Instruction, or GSE elective with advisor approval			
<i>Mathematics:</i> LAI 527, LAI 529, LAI 540, LAI 542, LAI 547, LAI 521, LAI 530, LAI 550, LAI 551, or GSE elective with advisor approval			
<i>Science:</i> LAI 530, LAI 531, LAI 533, LAI 534, LAI 540, LAI 550, LAI 551, LAI 600, or GSE elective with advisor approval			
<i>Social Studies:</i> LAI 520, LAI 521, LAI 523, LAI 622, LAI 530, LAI 540, LAI 550, LAI 551, or GSE elective with advisor approval			
1.		3	
2.		3	
3.		3	
4.		3	
5.		3	
6.		3	
ELECTIVES IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION OR COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES (12 credits) Courses can be chosen from <u>any</u> Emphasis Area above. (Must be courses other than those used to meet your 18 credits of Emphasis Area.) May also choose from Suggested Electives below or other Electives with Advisor Approval.			
<i>Suggested Electives:</i> LAI 562 English Language Learners-Emergent Theory and Practice or LAI 567 Intercultural Interactions/Multicultural Classroom			
1.		3	
2.		3	
3.		3	
4.		3	
CAPSTONE EVENT (Select one of the following three options with advisor approval)			
Comprehensive Exam	Fall/Spr/Sum	0	
LAI 700 Project OR LAI 701 Thesis	Fall/Spr	1-3	
Total Credits		51-54	

* Reflects past history of course offerings. Date of course offerings subject to change.

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Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded an Ed.M. degree from the University at Buffalo (successful completion includes individual course grades of B- or higher and an overall GPA of at least 3.0; see GSE Policies and Procedures for additional requirements).

Please note the following:

GSE Application to Candidacy Form:

Upon successful completion of 42 to 45 credits in the Ed.M. program, submit a completed *GSE Application to Candidacy* form to LAI (505 Baldy Hall). The form must include your advisor's signature. The *Application to Candidacy* form can be found on the Graduate School of Education's website (www.gse.buffalo.edu). The form is also available in the wall pockets outside of 505 Baldy Hall.

Apply for Graduation via the HUB Student Center:

Notify the University of your expected conferral (graduation) date via the HUB Student Center. The "apply for graduation" link is on the "My Academics" tab.

If you plan to graduate on:	File your application via the HUB by:
Graduation Term: Spring (June 1)	March 1
Graduation Term: Summer (September 1)	July 15
Graduation Term: Fall (February 1)	October 15

- Should you miss the above deadline, you will need to apply for the next conferral (graduation) date.

Applying For Teacher Certification:

Program completion does not automatically lead to a University at Buffalo recommendation for the issuance of professional teacher certificates, and a University at Buffalo recommendation does not automatically lead to the issuance of the certificates. To apply for professional teacher certificates, you must meet the program requirements of the University at Buffalo (as specified within this document, as well as all applicable prerequisite distribution requirements and any other requirements specified at the point of admission or thereafter as a condition of continued enrollment) and the certification requirements of the New York State Education Department (such as the teaching experience). For information about the certification application process, please contact the Teacher Education Institute (716-645-2461, <http://gse.buffalo.edu/tei>). Please note, completion of the program in which you are enrolled may only lead to a University at Buffalo recommendation for the issuance of professional teacher certificates in the content area of this program; if you are applying for teacher certificates in other areas of certification, you should contact the New York State Education Department and/or the certification officer at your local BOCES.