

Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Initial/Professional Certification

This program is for those who:

- do not hold a valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood/Childhood Education, Birth – Grade 6.
- are seeking the Master of Education as well as a recommendation for the Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood/Childhood Education, Birth – Grade 6.

Subject code & Number	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade
CORE COURSES				
LAI 549*	Childhood Development and Learning	3		
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS				
LAI 504	Program Planning & Leadership in Early Childhood & Elementary Ed	Fall- 2 credits Spring- 1 credit		
LAI 515	Action Research to Improve Teaching and Learning	Fall- 1 credit Spring- 2 credits		
One of the following: LAI 521 LAI 565	Improving Social Studies Instruction, Elementary or Diverse Children’s Literature	3		
One of the following: LAI 527 LAI 540	Learning Mathematics in Early Childhood Improving Elementary Mathematics Instruction	Fall- 2 credits Spring- 1 credit		
LAI 530	Improving Elementary Science Instruction	3		
LAI 550	Literacy Acquisition and Instruction, Pre K – Primary	3		
LAI 551	Childhood Literacy Methods	3		
LAI 574*	Teaching the Exceptional Learner in the Regular Education Classroom	3		
ELECTIVES				
Set 1: Additional Disciplinary Focus	*See Advisor for Course Offerings	3		
Set 2: Diversity, Language and Culture	*See Advisor for Course Offerings	3		
FIELD EXPERIENCE / STUDENT TEACHING				
LAI 507*	Supervised Teaching of Young Children, Pre K	3		
LAI 667	Field Experience	3		
LAI 668	Supervised Teaching I	3		
LAI 595	Supervised Teaching II	3		
LAI 674	Seminar in Teaching	3		
Total Credit Hours:		48		

Advisement notes:

- Students should meet with assigned Advisor for program to be informed on what courses they will need to take in appropriate semesters
- To progress to student teaching, students must successfully complete (B- or better) *all courses*
 - LAI 668 and LAI 595 goal should be completed with an “S” for satisfactory completion
- Students must enroll in LAI 667 and LAI 668 in Fall of final year, LAI 595 and LAI 674 in Spring of final year
 - Enrollment and (passing) completion of these courses will complete “Culminating Experience” on academic report

*Undergraduate coursework (LAI 205/SSC305, LAI 490, and LAI 474) is only applicable if previously completed as a UB undergraduate student with a grade of “B-” or better.

Completion of Program

To successfully earn a master of education degree (EdM) from the University at Buffalo, students must:

- Earn grades of B- or better in all program coursework
- Achieve overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Meet any conditions of admission and/or continued admission
- Complete any required content area or general education courses

Applying for Teacher Certification

Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to receive initial/professional certification through the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) Approved Teacher Preparation Program pathway. For more information about the certification process, please contact the Office of Educator Preparation at 716-645-2461, <http://ed.buffalo.edu/edprep.html>

For additional program information, visit:

<http://ed.buffalo.edu/teaching/academics/teacher-ed/early-childhood-childhood.html>