

Early Childhood (Birth - Grade 2)

For those who do not hold a valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood and are seeking the Master of Education as well as a recommendation for the Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2). Completion of this master's degree also leads to a recommendation for the Professional Teacher Certificate (see GSE website for additional requirements) in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2).

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Initial and Professional Certification/Master of Education (Birth – Grade 2)

	Date	Credit	Grade
MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENTS			
LAI 502 Infant and Toddler Education Programs		3	
LAI 504* Program Planning and Leadership in Early Childhood Education		3	
LAI 509 Arts in Early Childhood Education		3	
LAI 511 Diversity in Early Childhood/Childhood Education		3	
LAI 526 Agencies and Services for Children		3	
LAI 521 Improving Social Studies Instruction, Elementary		3	
LAI 527 Learning Mathematics in Early Childhood		3	
LAI 529 Computers in Early and Primary Education		3	
LAI 530 Improving Elementary Science Instruction		3	
LAI 565 Children's Literature		3	
LAI 549* Childhood Development and Learning		3	
LAI 550 Literacy Acquisition and Instruction, Pre-K-Primary		3	
LAI 560 Language Arts Methods		3	
LAI 574* Teaching the Exceptional Learner in the Regular Education Classroom		3	
ELECTIVE (Select one course from the following options)			
LAI 539, LAI 545, LAI 551, LAI 576, LAI XXX Effective Oral Language Practice, or LAI XXX A Developmental Approach to Spelling Instruction		3	
FIELD EXPERIENCES/STUDENT TEACHING			
LAI 507* Supervised Teaching of Young Children, Pre-K	<i>Fall/Spr/Sum</i>	3	
LAI 667 Field Experience (Prereq: LAI 507*)	<i>Fall</i>	3	
LAI 668 Supervised Teaching I	<i>Spr</i>	6	
LAI 595 Supervised Teaching II	<i>Spr</i>	3	
LAI 674 Seminar in Teaching	<i>Spr</i>	3	
CAPSTONE EVENT (Select one of the following three options with advisor approval)			
Comprehensive Exam		0	
LAI 700 Project OR LAI 701 Thesis		1-3	
Total Credits		63-66	

* **Possible Program Substitutions** for students who have successfully completed a UB undergraduate course equivalent as part of the undergraduate education minor. (At least 33 credits of EdM program must be 500 level or above exclusive of Student Teaching and Student Teaching Seminar.) See below:

LAI 205, SSC 208, or SSC 305 may be substituted for LAI 549
LAI 416 or SSC 416 may be substituted for LAI 504

LAI 474 may be substituted for LAI 574
LAI 490 may be substituted for LAI 507

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Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded an EdM 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 EdM 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 (ed.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)	February 22
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 an initial teacher certificate, and a University at Buffalo recommendation does not automatically lead to the issuance of this certificate. To apply for an initial teacher certificate, 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 New York State Teacher Certification Exams and Fingerprint Clearance). For information about the certification application process, please contact the Teacher Education Institute (716-645-2461, ed.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 an initial teacher certificate 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. Additionally, please note that upon submitting a recommendation for the issuance of an initial teacher certificate, the Teacher Education Institute will simultaneously submit a recommendation for issuance of a professional teacher certificate (in the same certification area); however, the recommendation for the professional teacher certificate will remain 'in limbo' until you complete the application process for the professional teacher certificate and you have met all certification requirements of the New York State Education Department (such as the teaching experience).