

Early Childhood (Birth - Grade 2)

For those who hold a valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) and are seeking the Master of Education as well as recommendation for the Professional Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2).

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Professional Certification/Master of Education (Birth - Grade 2)

	Date	Credit	Grade
MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENT (24 credits)			
LAI 506 Historical Foundations of Early Childhood Ed Programs		3	
LAI 509 Arts in Early Childhood Education		3	
LAI 526 Agencies & Services for Children		3	
LAI 529 Computers in Early and Primary Education		3	
LAI 521 Improving Social Studies Instruction, Elementary		3	
LAI 527 Learning Mathematics in Early Childhood		3	
LAI 530 Improving Elementary Science Instruction		3	
LAI 550 Literacy Acquisition and Instruction, Pre-K-Primary		3	
EMPHASIS AREA (9 credits) (Choose one Emphasis Area and select nine credits from the appropriate area.)			
<i>Program Development:</i> LAI 502, LAI 504, LAI 511, LAI 600, or GSE elective with advisor approval			
<i>Diversity:</i> LAI 511, LAI 512, LAI 537, LAI 563, LAI 567, LAI 592, OPR 5XX, 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			
1.		3	
2.		3	
3.		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		33-36	

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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 21 to 24 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 a professional teacher certificate, and a University at Buffalo recommendation does not automatically lead to the issuance of this certificate. To apply for a professional 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 teaching experience). 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 a professional 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.

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