

# MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/literacy-and-learning/graduate-programs/med-in-early-childhood-education/>

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

**Thesis Option:** 30 semester credit hours (SCH).

**Professional Option:** 31 semester credit hours (SCH).

### Thesis Option (30 SCH)

| Course                        | Title                                                                               | Credits   |
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| <b>Core</b>                   |                                                                                     |           |
| ECE 5213                      | Curriculum Development in Early Childhood                                           | 3         |
| HDFS 5223                     | Child Growth and Development in Early Childhood                                     | 3         |
| <b>Research</b>               |                                                                                     |           |
| HDFS 5193                     | Statistics for Family Sciences                                                      | 3         |
| HDFS 5693                     | Research Methods in Family Sciences                                                 | 3         |
| ECE 5983                      | Thesis                                                                              | 3         |
| ECE 5993                      | Thesis                                                                              | 3         |
| <b>Content Specialization</b> |                                                                                     |           |
| ECE 5203                      | Language and Literacy in Early Childhood                                            | 3         |
| ECE 5263                      | Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood                                       | 3         |
| ECE 5283                      | Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) in Early Childhood Education | 3         |
| ECE 5773                      | School, Family, and Cultural Diversity: Community Connections                       | 3         |
| <b>Total SCHs</b>             |                                                                                     | <b>30</b> |

### Professional Option (31 SCH)

| Course                          | Title                                                                               | Credits |
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| <b>Core</b>                     |                                                                                     |         |
| ECE 5213                        | Curriculum Development in Early Childhood                                           | 3       |
| HDFS 5223                       | Child Growth and Development in Early Childhood                                     | 3       |
| <b>Research</b>                 |                                                                                     |         |
| ECE 5583                        | Action Research in the Early Childhood Classroom                                    | 3       |
| ECE 5263                        | Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood                                       | 3       |
| <b>Content Specialization</b>   |                                                                                     |         |
| ECE 5203                        | Language and Literacy in Early Childhood                                            | 3       |
| ECE 5283                        | Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) in Early Childhood Education | 3       |
| ECE 5433                        | Brain-Based Learning for the Young Child                                            | 3       |
| HDFS 5593                       | Play, Development, and the Young Learner                                            | 3       |
| <b>Professional Development</b> |                                                                                     |         |

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| ECE 5413 | Leadership, Advocacy and Public Policy for Young Children     | 3 |
| ECE 5773 | School, Family, and Cultural Diversity: Community Connections | 3 |

### Graduation Requirement

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| ECE 5931 | Portfolio | 1 |
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**Total SCHs** **31**

## Special Requirements

No grade below B is accepted towards any graduate degree in the Department of Literacy and Learning. If more than one grade below B is earned while enrolled in any Literacy and Learning graduate program, the student will be dismissed from the program.

## Final Examination

In addition to the completion of a thesis or professional portfolio, students must complete a final examination consisting of an oral defense of this document. The student's advisory committee determines the outcome of the exam. The examination may be repeated if deemed appropriate by the student's advisory committee, with the approval of the department chair. The advisory committee should consist of three faculty members, all of whom must hold Graduate Faculty status, and at least two of whom must be Literacy and Learning faculty from the Early Childhood Development and Education component.