

Abraham S. Fischler School of Education

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Master of Science in Education

Specialization: Early Childhood (Prekindergarten/Primary PK-3) (Nevada Approved)

Initial Licensure (Certification) Plan

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Entrance Requirements

1. Complete the admission application packet and submit a \$50.00 non-refundable fee (U.S. dollars) made payable to Nova Southeastern University (NSU).
2. Official transcripts from **all** previously attended academic institutions. An official transcript indicating conferral of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution is required.
3. Evidence of a minimum **2.5** cumulative grade point average (CGPA) **or** test scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with a combined score of 1000 for the verbal and quantitative scales only. The GRE must have been taken within the past 5 years from the date of application.
4. Applicants who do not meet the minimum 2.5 GPA or GRE score requirement, may enroll in a maximum of six (6) credit hours and must earn a grade of B or higher in each course during the first term of enrollment for **conditional admission**. Students who do not earn a grade of B or higher in each course will be subject to dismissal from the program.
5. Passing PRAXIS I scores **or** CBEST scores.
6. **Nevada Student Enrollment Agreement** (available in application packet).

Coursework

	Completed	Course Title	Credit
1		EDU 5000 Orientation to the Graduate Teacher Education Program*	0
2		CUR 526 Educational Research for Practitioners*	3
3		EDU 601 Professional Seminar I*	0
4		EC 620 Research Issues in Child Development	3
5		EDU 514 Pre-Internship Practices*	3
6		EC 508 Theory and Practice in Early Childhood Education	3
7		EC 503 Child Study and Assessment	3
8		EC 579 Foundations of Emergent Literacy: Infants and Toddlers	3
9		EP 5265 Nature and Needs of Young Children with Disabilities	3
10		EC 518 Developmentally Appropriate Curricular Practices in Multicultural Settings	3
11		EC 509 Developmentally Appropriate Language, Literacy and Early Reading Experiences for Children Ages 3-8	3
12		EC 511 Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum for Children Ages 3-8: Social Studies and the Arts	3
13		EP 5275 Intervention Strategies and Classroom Behavior Management of Young Children with Disabilities* <i>Prerequisite/s: EP 5265 & EP 5270</i>	3
14		EC 512 Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum: Concept Development through Math & Science	3
15		EC 522 Planning the Play-based Curriculum: Arts and Movement for Children Ages Birth through Age 8	3
16		EC 513 Child Guidance and the Organization of Appropriate Environments for Children Ages 3-8	3
17		EC 514 Family and School Collaboration in Early Childhood Programs	3
18		EDU 688 Teaching Internship Seminar*	9
19		EDU 602 Professional Seminar II*	0
Total Credits Required for Degree			54

Benchmarks:

1. Complete CUR 526, EDU 5000, and EDU 601 within first term of program at NSU
2. Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
3. Complete program capstone: Teaching Internship Seminar; <http://www.schoolfed.nova.edu/gtep/fldex/> - All coursework must be completed with a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be eligible for the teaching internship seminar (Internship application must be submitted 6 months in advance). Required for students seeking an initial license in Early Childhood.
4. **NOTE:** Students adding Early Childhood to a current license without a prior internship with children under the age of six (6) are required to complete EDU 688 –Teaching Internship Seminar. Students who completed an internship with children under the age of six (6) are required to complete EC 699- Applied Professional Experience
5. Earn a “Pass” in EDU 601 & 602-Professional Seminar I & II (Accomplished Practices)
6. Complete all testing requirements for specialization and program

* Program Prerequisites: To check prerequisites, click on the individual course ID in the schedule;
http://www.fischlerschool.nova.edu/current-students/master_edspecialist-schedule.

Exit Requirements

1. PRAXIS II – Passing scores on the following areas:
 - a. **Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT):**
 Grades K-6 Minimum Score: 169
 - b. Early Childhood: Content Knowledge Score (0021): 158
 - c. Education of Young Children Score (0021): 160
2. Degree Application <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/registrar/faq.html>

Important Student Notice

Students are strongly encouraged to visit the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education catalog for degree and program requirements; <http://www.fischlerschool.nova.edu/current-students/studentcataloghandbook>. The student has **6** years to complete degree from first session enrolled. **It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all licensure/certification requirements are met.** *The program outline is provided to the student based on the current certification area requirements according to the Nevada Department of Education at the time of initial enrollment in the program.*

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