

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP MAJOR

Capstone, LAR 498 Liberal Studies Internship, WEL 400 Leadership in Practice, WEL 440 Leadership in Practice

Liberal Studies (Education), B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a major in Early Childhood Leadership will prepare students for positions within the Early Childhood field in a Preschool, Day Care, or Public School setting. Students will gain an understanding of young children's characteristics and needs; learn about the importance of, influences, and ways to support early childhood development; develop an understanding of assessment and curriculum including children with disabilities; identify important teaching strategies and developmentally appropriate curriculum to create a supportive and effective learning environment; as well be granted the opportunity to assess their readiness for this field through observations and classroom practice.

Degree requirements for the Early Childhood Leadership major are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
<i>University Core</i>		
	Behavioral/Social Science Elective	3
BUS 204	Financial Wellness	1
ENG 114	Critical Reading and Response	3
ENG 134	Literary Genres	3
HIS 114	The United States to 1877	3
	Humanities Electives	6
	Mathematics Elective	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology I	3
PSY 205	Child Development	3
	Science Electives (lab required)	7
WEL 100	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	3
or WEL 220	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	
WEL 350	Strategies for Career and Personal Growth	2
<i>Major Requirements</i>		
	Career Electives ¹	6
CIT 210	Intercultural Communication	3
EDU 110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 130	Education, Schools, and Culture	3
EDU 211	Methods and Approaches in Teaching Children I	3
EDU 212	Methods and Approaches in Teaching Children II	3
EDU 250	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 300	Reading and Early Literacy	3
EDU 310	Guiding Behavior in Early Childhood Classrooms	3
EDU 460	Child Care Administration	3
ENG 124	Research and Writing in the Disciplines	3
ENG 210	Children's Literature	3
SOC 100	Principles of Sociology	3
<i>General Electives</i>		
	General Electives	38
<i>Total Credits Required</i>		120

¹ Choose 6 credits from the following courses: CMS 450 Capstone: Corporate and Organizational Communications, EDU 465 Education