

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

#### **Major in Early Childhood Education**

Designed in a cohort model, Georgia College's B.S. in Early Childhood Education is designed to prepare students to address the human relations and diversity within the public schools. The program is designed to produce teachers of children in grades PreK-5 and supports a foundation in child development, family and community, relationships, curriculum development, and assessment. Teachers will also gain preparation in the areas of mathematics, reading and language arts, science, and social studies. Students will be taught in a field-based approach and will receive a broad range of field placements. Admission is based on an application directly to the cohort and acceptance is competitive.

The Early Childhood program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) and recognized the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

## **Develop Skills**

written communication
presentation leadership
reasoning interpersonal
direct student contact
problem solving presentation
child development
analysis techniques critical thinking
oral communication
relationship building curriculum
presentation software
assessment strategies
relationship problem-solving
communication curriculum
critical thinking child development
reasoning leadership

#### **Make an Impact**

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths\*...

- Teacher (PreK-5)
- Tutor
- Librarian
- Curriculum Developer
- Human Resources
   Director
- School Counselor
- School Administrator
- Vice Principal
- Principal

- Superintendent
- Physical Education Teacher
- Children's Minister
- Curriculum
   Development Specialist
- Education
   Management Specialist
- Family Services Worker

- Religious School Teacher
- School Administrator
- School Counselor
- Social Services
   Specialist
- Youth Program Director
- Youth Specialist
- Teaching Assistant

#### ...the possibilities are endless.

\*Many of these careers would require additional schooling and/or expertise beyond the Early Childhood degree

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

#### **Explore and Engage with Early Childhood Education**



Ask faculty about attending professional conferences



Join Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor Society of Education



Ask faculty about study abroad opportunities



Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan



Join Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)



Join National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)



Talk to your academic advisor



Connect with alumni via LinkedIn

#### **Considering adding a Minor?**

These minors can complement the Early Childhood Education major

- Business Administration
- English
- History
- International Studies
- Urban Studies
- Sociology
- Rhetoric
- Philosophy

- Marketing
- Management

#### Top employers at GC

for Early Childhood Education majors



Fulton County School District



Forsyth County Schools



**Gwinnett County Public Schools** 



Baldwin County School System



Cherokee County School System

## **Median Starting Salary**

for Early Childhood Education majors



\$43,000\*

\*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

## **Mean Starting Salary**

for Early Childhood Education majors



\$39,489\*

\*based on NACE First Destinations for the College Class of 2020

#### **Department of Teacher Education**

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#### **University Career Center**

Georgia College 110 Lanier Hall Campus Box 42 Milledgeville, GA Phone: (478) 445-5384 gcsu.edu/career



