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

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

...the possibilities are endless.
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

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