EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
EARLY CHILDHOOD CHECKLIST
(Birth – Grade 3)

Columbia College
established 1851

Education department

GENERAL EDUCATION **38 – 47 hrs**
The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE **37 – 51 hrs**
It is recommended that students seeking this certification choose a major that has similar course requirements in the degree. Your academic advisor can help you with your choice of major.

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK **87 hrs**

Grade	Course #	Course Title	Cr Hrs	Field Experience (observation hrs) included
	SOCI 270	Diversity and Society	3	n/a
	EDUC 100	Introduction to Education (formerly EDUC 102/103)	3	15 hrs
	CDEV 106	Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety	3	n/a
	EDUC 200	Law, Ethics, and Education	3	n/a
	EDUC 220	Methods of Teaching English Learners	3	n/a
	EDUC 230	Educational Psychology	3	n/a
	EDUC 280	Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy	3	n/a
	CDEV 290	Infants and Toddlers	3	n/a
	CDEV 291	Early and Middle Childhood	3	n/a
	EDUC 300	Techniques of Teaching	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 311	Classroom Management Techniques	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 390	Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3	n/a
	EDUC 392	Adolescent Psychology	3	n/a
Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)				
	CDEV 312	Integrated Curriculum for Children	3	n/a
	CDEV 314	Motor Development and Play	3	n/a
	CDEV 316	Engaging Families as Educational Partners	3	n/a
	CDEV 318	Community Partnerships to Support Whole Child Development	3	n/a
	EDUC 321	Teaching Reading and Language Arts to Young Children	3	15 hrs
	CDEV 324	Observation and Assessment of Young Children	3	n/a
	EDUC 328	The Early Childhood Educational Environment	3	n/a
	EDUC 331	Teaching of Reading	3	15 hrs

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	CDEV 335	Teaching Creative Arts and Movement to Children	3	n/a
	EDUC 353	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3	n/a
	EDUC 355	Teaching Math and Science to Young Children	3	15 hrs
	EDUC 400	Senior Seminar	3	n/a
Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching Checklist)				
	EDUC 425	Undergraduate Student Teaching	12	16 weeks
		Total Credit Hours	87	
Approval for DESE certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)				

Retention Criteria:
- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and college supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and GPA of 2.5 or above in content area

Other requirements for certification that must be completed prior to graduation:
- Successful completion/passing of appropriate content assessment (must be completed prior to student teaching)
- Successful completion of program certification performance assessment – MEES

*This is not a degree checklist
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