

Related Careers

Occupational Opportunities

Administrator
Child care residential worker
Curriculum development specialist
Educational consultant
Elementary school teacher (to age 8/grade 3)
Pediatric ward teacher
Preschool teacher
Teacher supervisor

Related Occupations

Day care director
Editor
Media specialist
Play therapist
Publisher consultant
Researcher

Potential Employers

Camps
Colleges and universities
Community agencies
Department of Education
Department of Defense
Private schools
Public schools
Publishers

Other Great Links

National Child Care Information Center

- <http://www.nccic.org/poptopics/careers.html>
- Early Childcare and Education Career Guide*
- <http://www.khake.com/page15.html>
- Career Programs*
- <http://www.westvalley.edu/careers/childstudies.html>

College of Education
Office of Student Support
Education Complex, 110
Phone: 407-823-3723

Student Testimonials

The Early Childhood Program has enriched me with the knowledge I need to be a positive role model in the lives of my students. My professors, coordinator, and advisor will be life-long mentors of mine that I know I will always be able to count on. I am prepared to step out into my own classroom and make a difference in the diverse world of education.

—Shannon, Early Childhood Education

Throughout my years in the College of Education, I feel that the Elementary Education program has allowed me to gain knowledge and experience in my field. I feel that as a result of the Elementary Education program, I have the confidence to become a successful educator.

—Laura, Elementary Education

The knowledge, support and real world experiences I have gained from my professors in the English Language Arts Education program are unparalleled. Due to the education I have received, I know that I will be able to leave a positive impact on the lives of my students.

—Mandy, Secondary Education

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

What Can I Do With This Major?



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Thinking of a Career in Early Childhood Education?

The Early Childhood Teacher Education Program at the University of Central Florida enables students to take a variety of classes related to young children, their learning, and their development. Students also participate in a series of field experiences and internships, in which they have the opportunity to gain practical experience in working with young children. These field experiences and internships are designed to help students integrate theory and practice. Course assignments are planned to facilitate this process.

College of Education Program Clubs and Organizations

For the first semester students enter the program (either Fall or Spring) two courses are required: EDF3740 Foundations of ECE; and EDF3120, Observing Child Growth & Development. All other methods courses can be taken in any sequence, yet there is a suggested sequence. Students should plan their program considering the scheduling of methods courses, some of which are offered only once per year - Fall, Spring, OR Summer semester.

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Helpful Websites

College of Education: www.edcollege.ucf.edu

Graduate Websites: www.graduate.ucf.edu

POLARIS: www.my.ucf.edu

UCF website: www.ucf.edu

Student Services Website:
pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~stuservw/

Clinical Experiences: reach.ucf.edu/~edintern/

Minority Programs in Education:
Pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~mpie

Certification Examinations Florida Educators
Website: www.cefe.usf.edu

Florida Department of Education: www.fldoe.org

Portfolio PIP Sheets:
Reach.ucf.edu/~ed.found/pipsheet2001.pdf

GRE Website: www.gre.org

CollegeBoard.com:

- http://www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles/majors/13.1210.html



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Gaining Experience

Experiential Learning

- <http://www.coop.ucf.edu/>

Orange County Public Schools

- <http://www.ocps.k12.fl.us/>

Seminole County Public Schools

- <http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/>

UCF College of Education

- <http://www.edcollege.ucf.edu/>

US Department of Education

- <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>

Teach for America

- http://www.teachforamerica.org/flash_movie.html

Teach In Florida

- <http://www.teachinflorida.com/>