

ELEMENTARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Beaver, Brandywine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, University Park, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, York

End Campus: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Erie, University Park

Program Description

The Elementary and Early Childhood Education major prepares candidates to teach all content areas in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 4 (PK-4). Requirements for successful completion of the major include coursework specific to elementary and early childhood learning environments, child development, and field experiences in grades PK-4 classrooms, as well as content and teaching methods courses specific to teaching language and literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students who successfully complete this major will have met all coursework and field experience requirements for the PK-4 Instructional I Certificate issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). In addition, they will have been prepared for the appropriate certification exams, which are the standardized assessment required by PDE for this certification.

What is Elementary and Early Childhood Education?

The Elementary and Early Childhood Education (EECE) major prepares teachers of children from birth through fourth grade. Students in this program explore progressive theories of teaching and learning; learn how to be professional educators in diverse school settings; and develop skills in educational leadership, inclusive education, and professional inquiry. Our program is distinct in the opportunities it offers to work in exceptional schools and other educative settings.

You Might Like This Program If...

You want to do the critically important work of teaching young children, and you recognize that being an educator is a learned profession that is both demanding and rewarding.

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