

PRESCHOOL - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Program Offered in Online Format

Important: This certificate plan is effective for those starting in the fall 2025 through summer 2026. This certificate plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change certificates.

Upon completion of this program, candidates who have a current initial license with an endorsement in elementary education, such as preK-3, or preK-6, or special education early childhood, issued by the Virginia Board of Education are eligible for an Add-On Endorsement in Early Childhood for 3 and 4 year olds.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
EDUC 501	Advanced Child Development	3
EDEC 653	Current Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
EDEC 670	Curriculum and Methods for Early Childhood Education ^{1,2}	3
Total Hours		9

¹ Candidates seeking the Add-on Endorsement for Early Childhood 3 and 4 year olds should take EDEC 598 as a co-requisite with EDEC 670

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Code	Title	Hours
Field Experience Course		
EDEC 598	Field Experience Practicum: Early Childhood ^{1,2,3,4,5}	0
Total Hours		0

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³ EDEC 598 requires the cleared background check

⁴ EDEC 598 should not be taken during summer terms due to limited field placement availability

⁵ If a candidate is not seeking to fulfill the licensure practicum requirement, he/she may contact soelicensure@liberty.edu for opt out course availabilities

Notes

- Candidates who want to apply certificate courses to a graduate degree program will have to abide by the GPA and grade requirements of that degree

Completion Requirements

- 9 total hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable
- 2.0 GPA
- No grade of D may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Certificate must be completed within 3 years
- Submission of Certificate Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date