

## B.A. in Preschool Education

Many educators and social researchers are placing increased importance on understanding and shaping the early development of a child – from birth to age five. The current educational and social systems of the United States provide educators with the opportunity to systematically interact with a tremendous number of young children at day care centers and preschools. With proper training, professional preschool educators can greatly facilitate a child's growth, socialization and integration into family, social and school environments. Through the use of proper intervention and educational strategies, these professionals can help to solve or prevent problems that may be manifested by children prior to entering school.

### *Program Objectives*

1. To prepare individuals with the professional skills and knowledge required to perform successfully and function independently as a pre-school educator.
2. To provide teaching professionals with both the conceptual and operational tools from the fields of psychology, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, and education that will enable them to provide an integrated program to boys and girls from 0 to 5 years old;
3. To prepare teaching professionals who are agents in a society that is free, just, participatory and democratic, with ethical and moral values that contribute to the elevation of the quality of the teaching profession.
4. To prepare teaching professionals to develop pedagogical proposals and formulate community projects for the benefit of preschool boys and girls, taking into account their needs and interests and those of their families, in programs of a formal nature and in non-traditional settings.

### *Graduation Requirements*

#### **I. General Education Requirements (Lower Level Courses) (Semesters I – IV)**

- Successful completion of the University orientation program on first semester enrolled.

Area of Communications: (requirement of all 4 courses for 12 CR)

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| • ENC 1000 Oral & Written Communications (English I) | 3 Credits |
| • ENC 1101 Composition I (English II)                | 3 Credits |
| • ENC 1102 Composition II (English III)              | 3 Credits |
| • SPC 1053 Oral Expression (English IV)              | 3 Credits |

Area of Mathematics: (requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

- MAC 1105 College Mathematics I -Algebra and Geometry 3 Credits
- MAC 1114 College Mathematics II - Geometry and Trigonometry 3 Credits

Area of Social Sciences:(requirement of any 2 courses for 6 CR)

- WOH 1001 World History 3 Credits
- ECO 2000 Economics 3 Credits
- SYD 302 U.S. Populations 3 Credits
- PCB 304 People and the Environment 3 Credits
- GEA 223 Geography of America and Eurasia 3 Credits

Area of the Natural Sciences:(requirement of any 2 courses for 6 CR)

- PCB 3703 Human Physiology 3 Credits
- BSC 1005 Biology 3 Credits
- CHM 1025 General Chemistry 3 Credits
- PHY 248 General Physics 3 Credits
- MCB 2240 Etiology of Diseases 3 Credits

Area of Humanities and Art: (requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

- ARH 2000 Art Appreciation 3 Credits
- ARH 2010 Art History 3 Credits

Area of Behavioral Sciences: (requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

- PSY 2012 General Psychology 3 Credits
- SYG 2000 General Sociology 3 Credits

Area of Philosophy: (requirement of all 3 courses for 9 CR)

- PHI 2030 Contemporary Philosophical Issues 3 Credits
- PHI 2103 Critical Thinking 3 Credits
- PHI 2600 Ethics 3 Credits

## II. Professional Education Requirements (Upper Level Courses)

### Semester V: (Requirement of 21 CR) Required:

- EDF 1005 Introduction to Education 3 Credits
- EEC 2001 Introduction to Preschool Education 3 Credits
- EDF 3209 Fundamentals of Curriculum 3 Credits
- EDA 3052 Educational Administration  
or EEC 1520 The Child Care Management 3 Credits
- EEC 2940 Preschool Internship I 1 Credit
- EEC 1601 Observing, Recording and Guiding Children's Behavior 3 Credits
- EDF 4411 Educational Statistics 3 Credits
- CHD 3224 Socio-emotional Development 2 Credits

### Semester VI: (requirement of 19 CR) Required:

- DEP 3054 Developmental Psychology 3 Credits  
or EEC-1000 Child Growth and Development
- EDG 3931 Instructional Methods and Materials 2 Credits  
or EEC 2300 Preschool Instructional Methods and Materials
- EEC 3204 Preschool Curriculum 3 Credits  
or EEC 1202 The Child Care Curriculum
- EEC 2941 Preschool Internship II 2 Credits
- EEC 3276 Identification and Remediation of  
Developmental Disabilities in Preschool Children 2 Credits  
or EEC 2270 Teaching Preschool Children with Special Needs
- CHD 4425 Infant Development 2 Credits
- EEC 430 Children's Art 2 Credits
- EDG 327 Teaching Diverse Populations 3 Credits

### Semester VII:(requirement of 20 CR) Required:

- EDP 3212 Psychology of Learning 3 Credits
- EME 4044 Introduction to Education Technology 3 Credits
- EDG 4930 Methodology of Teaching 3 Credits
- EEC 4944 Preschool Internship III 4 Credits
- EEC 4267 Planning Techniques for Preschool Education 2 Credits

- LIN 417 Language Development in Preschool Children 3 Credits
- MAE 413 Logical Mathematical Thought in Preschoolers 2 Credits

**Semester VIII:** (requirement of 15 CR) Required:

- PHI 4678 Professional Ethics in Education 2 Credits
- EEC 4945 Supervised Student Teaching - Internship IV 10 Credits
- PHI 4600 Philosophy of Education 3 Credits
- Successful completion of the university career services requirements.

**Electives** (requirement of 4 CR - choice of 4):

- EEC 440 Developing Family Involvement in School 1 Credit
- EDF 331 History of Education 1 Credit
- HSC 2400 First Aid & CPR 1 Credit
- EEX 3094 Autism 1 Credit
- MUE 331 Elementary Music Education 1 Credit
- EEX 4070 Mainstreaming 1 Credit
- EEC 335 Development of Creativity in Preschool Children 1 Credit
- THE 336 Children's Theater 1 Credit
- SOW 424 Social Programs for Preschool Children 1 Credit
- LAE 414 Children's Literature 1 Credit
- CHD 1330 Children's Literacy and Language Arts 1 Credit
- PET 417 Psychomotor Skills and Bodily Movement 1 Credit