

TEACHING AND LEARNING—EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (123 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Early Childhood Education with certification in PreK-3**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The Early Childhood Education program of study leads to the bachelor's degree and eligibility for certification as a teacher of grades PreK-3 in Tennessee schools. The professional education courses are CAEP accredited thus making graduates from the program eligible for certification in states beyond Tennessee. Candidates will study classroom management, teaching methodologies in early childhood subject areas, assessment and intervention strategies, and how to work with diverse student populations including exceptional students. Most of these courses require field experiences in local public schools. At the beginning of the senior year, the office of Teacher Education and Student Services conducts an orientation session where each candidate is provided a Student Teaching Handbook. In semesters 7 and 8, the candidate will participate in a one-year clinical residency student teaching program. Pre-service teachers are paired with an in-service mentor teacher where a co-teaching model is practiced. Also, the pre-service teacher will be observed and guided by a master clinician several times in each semester.

This map is a semester by semester course schedule that should be followed. If course sequence and milestones are not followed, then the degree completion, teacher certification, and graduation are lengthened beyond the four-year schedule presented here. The student is encouraged to stay on track with the liberal studies and elective courses. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progression to complete the major. If a milestone is missed, then it will mean the candidate cannot move to the next course block and potentially not enter teacher education for the professional course work.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTE'S Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade "C" Required
EDEC 1010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
GEOG 1010 or 1020	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
UNIV 1000*	1	
BIOL 1010/1011	4	
MATH 1410	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	17	

*A Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
Art 1010 or Music 1010	3	
ENGL 1020	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
MATH 1420	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
HIST 2010	3	
ASTR 1010/1011	4	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	16	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
		Students should meet with an academic advisor and declare Early Childhood Education with Teacher Education as a major. Take the Praxis Core Exams---Reading 5712 (qualifying score 156), Writing 5722 (qualifying score 162) and Math 5732 (qualifying score 150) or students may be exempted from the Praxis Core if they have scored 21 or above on the ACT or 1020 or above on the SAT (Reading & Math) before applying for admission to Teacher Education in Semester 4.
ENGL 2110 LIT* (or other sophomore literature 2110-2320)	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
MATH 1710	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
EDCI 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
POLI 2010	3	
Total Hours	15	

*The department recommends the courses cited above; however, courses within the range of ENGL 2110 --- ENGL 2322 will meet this requirement

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		Apply for Admission to Teacher Education/Pre---Residency Block 1. To do so, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.75, satisfactory report on Criminal Background Check, successful interview, Praxis Core, or ACT of 21+ or SAT 1020 (Reading and Math) required.
EDSE 3330 ***	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
EDEC 3320	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
HIST 2020 or HIST 2030	3	
COMM 2200	3	
HPSS 3100	3	
Total Hours	15	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
EDCI 2100*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Co---requisite (EDLI
	3	
EDEC 3610	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NUFS 3330	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
EDLI 3500*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Co---Requisite (EDCI
Total Hours	15	Note: Junior and senior students must enroll in Teacher Education/Blocked courses during the semesters indicated on this map.

*All courses must be taken simultaneously.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
		Block 2 --- Residency Pre---requisite: Students must be admitted to Pre---Residency Block 2 in order to enroll in the courses listed for this semester. During this semester, students must apply for admission to Residency I and complete Praxis II Exam: Reading Across the Curriculum.
EDCI 2200*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Co---requisites (EDLI 4500, EDCI 4550, EDCI 4600)
EDLI 4500*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 2200, EDCI 4550, EDCI 4600)
EDCI 4550*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 2200, EDLI 4500, EDCI 4600)
EDEC 4600	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
EDCI 4600*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 2200, EDLI 4500, EDCI 4550)
Total Hours	18	

*All courses must be taken simultaneously

Senior Year **Residency****(27 Hours)**

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		Block 3 – Residency I Pre---requisites: admission to Residency I Praxis II Exam: Education of Young Children. During this semester, students must apply for admission to Residency II.
EDCI 3220*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of “C” Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 4190, EDCI 3120, EDCI 4620)
EDCI 4190*	3	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of “C” Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 3220, EDCI 3120, EDCI 4620)
EDCI 3110*	2	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of “C” Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 3220, EDCI 4190, EDCI 4620)
EDCI 3400	2	
EDCI 4620*	6	Pre---Requisite: Must be admitted to Teacher Education; Minimum Grade of “C” Required; Co---requisites (EDCI 3220, EDCI 4190, EDCI 3120) As a part of Residency I Teacher Licensure students must complete 90---100 hours of co---teaching/field placement.
Total Hours	16	

*All Teacher Education courses are required and will only be offered during the indicated semesters of the third and fourth years.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Block 4 – Residency II Pre---requisites: Candidates must be admitted to Residency II. At this point in the program, candidates must have successfully completed all requirements for Block 3 Residency I and ALL Praxis Exams are required to enroll in courses for this semester.
		Complete edTPA portfolio and receive a minimum score of 42
		Take Senior Exit Exam, apply for graduation and apply for Certification and Licensure in the last month of Semester 8
EDCI 4706* Educational Seminar	3	Co---Requisite Course: ECFS 4720; Minimum Grade of “B” Required
EDEC4720* Enhanced Student Teaching	9	Co---Requisite Course: EDCI 4706; Minimum Grade of “B” Required. Student Teaching - 16 weeks / Mon---Fri.

Total Hours	12	NOTE: The edTPA portfolio must be submitted during Student Teaching and candidate must complete the Teacher Education Exit Interview after Student Teaching.
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Employment Information:

Salary Information: National Association of Colleges and Employers <https://www.nacweb.org/>, Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/a---z---index.htm>

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

PreK---3 Teacher

Representative Employers:

Schools: Public, Private Boards of Education; Correctional Institutions; Adoption & Child Care Agencies; Community Organizations; YMCA & YWCA's; Government Agencies; Manufacturers of Childcare Products, Private Businesses.

Specifically in Middle Tennessee/Greater Nashville Area

- Cheatham County Public Schools
- Dickson County Public Schools
- Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
- Murfreesboro City Schools
- Private Schools and Charter Schools
- Robertson County Public Schools
- Rutherford County Public Schools
- Sumner County Public Schools
- Wilson County Public Schools
- Williamson County Public Schools

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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<http://launchmycareertn.org/>

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