

INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, BIRTH TO PRIMARY, MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION (0461)

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The MAE in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education provides a choice of two concentrations which are dependent upon an applicant's current certification and their desired additional certificate sought. Candidates choose one of the following concentrations: Advanced Behavior Management or Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages (TESOL).

Students are expected to become competent in theory, research, and application of best teaching practices related to young children both with and without disabilities from birth through 5 years of age and their families. Students exhibit appropriate teacher disposition behaviors as indicated by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Teacher Disposition Rating Form.

Candidates in the Advanced Behavior Management or TESOL concentrations will complete capstone experiences within their respective area.

Concentrations

- Advanced Behavior Management (ABM)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (KE36)

Program Admission

The MAE in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) offers courses and experiences for the advanced preparation of individuals holding certification.

- Applicants who are currently certified or hold a statement of eligibility must submit a copy of the teaching certificate or Statement of Eligibility with the application.

Kentucky applicants whose certificates have expired may be admitted, but they may enroll for only six hours before they must apply to the EPSB for reissued certificates. After completion of six hours, a student admitted with an expired certificate must submit a copy of the re-issued certificate before being allowed to register for any additional courses. Applicants from out-of-state with expired certificates must complete the requirements for their respective states to renew their certificates and submit a copy of the reissued certificate.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (30-37 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
IECE 520	Organizing Programs for Early Childhood Special Education	3
IECE 423G	Interdisciplinary Services for Young Children with Low Incidence Disabilities ¹	3
IECE 522	Family-Focused Services	3
EDFN 500	Research Methods ¹	3
IECE 525	Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education	3
Concentration Courses		15-22
Total Hours		30-37

Advanced Behavior Management Concentration (15 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
SPED 501	Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis	3
SPED 502	Positive Behavior Supports	3
SPED 503	Behavior Assessment	3
SPED 504	Instruction to Improve Behavior	3
SPED 505	Ethics Surrounding Behavior Issues	3
Total Hours		15

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Concentration (KE36) (16-22 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENG 407G	Linguistic Analysis	3
ENG 408G	Psycholinguistics and Sociolinguistics	3
ENG 565	Integrated Teaching English as a Second Language	3
ENG 566	Seminar in Teaching English as a Second Language	3
ENG 471G	TESL Practicum	4
Select 6 hours of foreign language (FREN, GERM, SPAN, MLNG, ARBC, CHIN, JAPN, RUSS) or fulfill language requirements of the WKU Colonnade Program		0-6
Total Hours		16-22

¹ Or advisor approved equivalent.