

# PATHWAYS | EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

## COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- Take EDUC 1010 the second semester of your freshman year
- Concentrate on taking University Core coursework

SOPHOMORE

- Complete University Core coursework
- Complete Admission to Teacher Education requirements, including passing scores on the Basic Skills Assessments, a background check, the pre-teaching experience, and a professional interview
- Submit an application for Admission to Teacher Education after completing 45 credit hours in your program

JUNIOR

- Progress through Professional Studies and Teaching Field courses
- Focus on completing requirements for Admission to Clinical Residency including required Praxis exams for your program
- Submit application for Admission to Clinical Residency

SENIOR

- Complete any remaining requirements for Admission to Clinical Residency
- Continue taking Professional Studies and Teaching Field courses, including Clinical Residency your final semester
- Submit your teacher certification application

## ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Check in each term with your academic advisor in Professional Education Services (3464 Haley) to discuss your progress and available support services



- Continue to meet regularly with your academic advisor
- Ask the Career Center for help in evaluating your résumé and cover letter for your Admission to Teacher Education application

- Continue to check in regularly with your academic advisor
- Meet with your faculty advisor as needed to discuss individual progress and program expectations

- Meet with your academic advisor and faculty advisor as needed to ensure all graduation requirements are met
- Ask the Career Center for help in updating your résumé and preparing for job interviews
- Schedule a mock interview through the Career Center

## GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Expand your experiences working with K-12 students through campus and community volunteer work (e.g., Best Buddies)
- Complete your required pre-teaching experience in a school setting

- Take advantage of opportunities to observe or shadow professionals in your field
- Identify resources that help you identify with an aspect of teaching young children within which you can excel
- Continue to observe and learn about the unique characteristics of children (Birth – age 8)

- Investigate our clinical residency abroad program (Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching, COST)
- Explore graduate or professional school opportunities
- Use field experiences to better understand characteristics of the ages of children you would like to teach and appropriate teaching strategies for those groups

- Attend Education Interview Day
- Participate in other career fairs sponsored by the Career Center
- Begin acquiring materials, games, props, toys that help create a strong intellectual environment for the young children you will teach.

## GET INVOLVED

- Join the College of Education Student Council



- Utilize AUIvolve to identify organizations of interest.
- Join the National Association for the Education of Young Children (naeyc.org)
- Join the Auburn Early Childhood Education Association student organization (through AU Involve)

- Apply to become a College of Education Student Ambassador
- Pursue leadership roles in your organization to enhance your skills and resume

- Develop professional relationships during field experiences
- Look for opportunities to attend local, state, or national early childhood conferences and events

- Connect with AU alumni and stakeholders to enhance professional opportunities

## CAREER PLANNING

### AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

303 MARY MARTIN HALL | AUBURN.EDU/CAREER

The early childhood education program is designed to ensure that graduates have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to support the development and learning of each child. Program complies with the Alabama State Board of Education's rules for educator preparation. Graduates are eligible to apply for professional educator certification upon program completion.

#### CLASSROOM TEACHER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.S.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$30.0K - \$49.0K

#### SCHOOL COUNSELOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S./M.A./M.Ed.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$31.1K - \$52.3K

#### EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S./M.A./M.Ed./Ph.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$57.9K - \$79.8K

These are just three options out of many that early childhood education majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on [auburn.edu/career](http://auburn.edu/career).

Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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