

Des Moines Area Community College

Early Childhood Education

For students planning to transfer to UNI and major in Early Childhood Education, the following plan of study is generally recommended:

1. Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) at Des Moines Area Community College
2. Complete ALL of the following courses at DMACC (as electives within the A.A. degree):

UNI COURSE	UNI NAME	DMACC COURSE	DMACC NAME
LITED 1044	Children’s Literature	LIT 105	Children’s Literature
TEACHING 2017 & TEACHING 3128	Level I Field Experience & Level II Field Experience	EDU 218	Initial Field Experience
MATH 1204	Math Reasoning for Elementary Teachers I	MAT 114	Math for Elementary Teachers I
MATH 2204	Math Reasoning for Elementary Teachers II	MAT 116	Math for Elementary Teachers II
SPED 3150	Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in the Classroom	EDU 245	Exceptional Learner
EDPSYCH 2030	Dynamics of Human Development	ECE 170 OR PSY 121	Child Growth & Development OR Developmental Psychology
EDPSYCH 3148	Learning & Motivation in Classroom Contexts	PSY 281	Educational Psychology

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

To be recommended for an Iowa teaching license, students are required to have three sciences upon completion of the Bachelor’s degree:

- Life Science: An Inquiry to Life Science course, or an Intro or General Biology course
- Physical Science: An Inquiry to Physical Science course, or an introductory/general chemistry or physics course
- Earth/Space Science: An Inquiry to Earth and Space Science course, or an introductory astronomy, weather, or earth science course

*Environmental Science will not count toward any of the three.

SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: In addition to the Early Childhood Education major requirements, students must complete coursework in 9 credit hours in the social sciences: history, economics, psychology, sociology, geography or political science/Civic Literacy to be eligible to be recommended for an Iowa teaching license. Courses used to satisfy a Liberal Arts Core category **may** also be used to satisfy these licensure requirements. Students must have 9 credit hours from three different areas.

CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNI TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Have a declared major
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (or higher)
- Earned credit for TEACHING 2017 or equivalent
- Have completed an acceptable Application to the Teacher Education Program
(Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for application process)

<https://teachered.uni.edu/admission-uni-teacher-education-program>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: College of Education Advising Center
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