

Early Childhood Special Education

Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)



Change Lives

Love being around children? As educational demands for those five and under continue to rise, you'll be highly marketable in the workforce and have a positive impact on society. You will be the one to provide a very important developmental start for children from birth to age 8. YOU will change lives!

Prepare For Your Future

Following graduation from BHSU, you will be highly marketable in the workforce. Black Hills State University takes you beyond assessing the developmental levels of young children by educating you about the strategies for reaching each individual child and connecting with their families to enhance learning. The curriculum provides developmentally appropriate activities in all areas of learning including, physical, linguistic, emotional, adaptive, social, and academic. Lead with confidence, teach with understanding, and make a real difference with your degree from BHSU.

Learn From The Best

BHSU faculty members are strong advocates for children with typical and atypical needs and bring a diverse background of work experience such as teaching and practicing school psychology in diverse cultural settings. You'll work along side educational professionals who blend their knowledge and experiences into a solid educational curriculum.

Enjoy The Experience

As a BHSU student, you will have a unique opportunity to gain early childhood experience at the BHSU Little Jackets Learning Center. Join the Student South Dakota Education Association and the BHSU chapter of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. You may be eligible for membership in Kappa Delta Pi, the national education honor society. We deliver on our promise to prepare competent, confident, and caring professionals.

find your career:

Prepare for an exciting career today:

You will be prepared to teach children through the age of eight in public schools, state early education intervention programs, private schools, or nationally recognized early childhood developmental centers. You may also want to continue your education at the graduate level.

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Required Core

3cr HIST 151 United States History I **OR** HIST 152 United States History II **
3cr PSYC 101 General Psychology **

Pre-Professional Core

2cr ECE 328	Guidance with Young Children	2cr HLTH 321	K-12 Methods of Teaching Health
1cr ECE 328L	Guidance with Young Children Lab	3cr INED 411	South Dakota Indian Studies
2cr EDFN 338	Foundations of American Education	2cr LIBM 205	Children's Literature
4cr ELED 303	Earth & Physical Science for Elementary Teachers	3cr MATH 341	Math Concepts for Teachers I
2cr ELED 315	Foundations & Theory of Reading	3cr SPED 100	Intro to Persons with Exceptionalities
3cr EPSY 302	Educational Psychology	3cr SPED 460	Family Systems and Professional Collaboration

Professional Core

3cr ECE 371	Infants & Toddlers: Developmentally Appropriate Practices	2cr ELED 408	Diverse K-8 Classroom
3cr ECE 408	Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education	2cr ELED 360	K-8 Social Science Methods
3cr ECE 411	Social Development in Early Childhood	2cr ELED 440	K-8 Language Arts Methods
3cr ECE 413	Early Childhood Curriculum	2cr ELED 450	K-8 Reading Methods
3cr ECE 417	Methods of Early Childhood Education	2cr ELED 459	Intro to Literacy Assessment & Remediation
1cr ECE 495	Practicum: Early Intervention	2cr ELED 495	Practicum: Pre-Student Teaching
3cr EDFN 365	Computer-Based Technology & Learning	2cr SPED 406	Assistive Technology
2cr ELED 320	K-8 Science Methods	3cr SPED 410	Behavior Management of Exceptional Children
2cr ELED 330	K-8 Math Methods	3cr SPED 413	Serving Students with MR, DD, & Severe Disabilities

Last Semester

3cr EDFN 475 Human Relations
3cr EDFN 486 Early Childhood/Spec Ed Student Teaching: Preschool
3cr EDFN 488 Early Childhood Student Teaching

General Education Requirements

Gen Ed Mathematics 3 semester hours
Gen Ed Social Science Satisfied by major
Gen Ed Arts & Humanities 6 semester hours
Gen Ed Natural Science AND Lab 6-10 semester hours
ENGL 101 Composition I
ENGL 201 Composition II
SPCM 101 **OR** SPCM 215 **OR** SPCM 222 Speech

A *minor* is NOT required with this major but electives are required to total 120 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300/400 level courses.

**Completes one general education requirement.