Early Childhood Education – Unified
Your guide to make learning fun

As an early childhood education major, you’ll learn how to teach to a child’s individual needs. Your special education and general education courses will be taught by nationally recognized professors. They’ll help you to develop a curriculum that nurtures each child’s capabilities, as well as show you strategies and techniques you can use to support children with a wide range of special learning and behavioral needs. They’ll also teach you how to work with families and various types of educators and other professionals to ensure all children reach their potential.

All of this will prepare you for a birth through third grade teaching license in both general and special education.

Preparing for your classroom by teaching in theirs

Just like your future students, you learn in a variety of different ways. That’s why we’ve created several opportunities to help you learn by doing.

The Child Development Laboratory School, located on campus, is one of the best hands-on resources for students in the program. There you will gain valuable experience working with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and their families from diverse cultures. You also will gain valuable experience working with students in grades K–3 in area schools – even before you student teach.

You can complete your student teaching in central Iowa, Omaha, Chicago, and Texas. You also might complete your student teaching in international locations such as Norway and New Zealand. During that time, you will receive supervision that will give you the support and feedback that will make you fully prepared for your first job.

Feel welcome right away

Settling into your new life on campus is easy. The early childhood education – unified program can help you adjust to campus life in many different ways.

Our program’s Human Development and Family Services learning community will help you find other students with similar academic interests and become an academic support group. There are more than 800 clubs on campus that are a great way for you to get involved in the community.

Start a career that will make a difference

Children need someone like you to help them open their minds. With a degree in early childhood education – unified, you can help your students discover all of the opportunities the world has to offer.

A variety of rewarding careers await those with this degree. Due to high demand for their skills and expertise in dealing with diverse needs, our graduates enjoy a job placement rate of more than 90 percent, and become:

- Teachers in:
  - Preschools and early childhood special education classrooms
  - Head Start and Early Head Start programs
  - Primary grades K–3
  - K–3 special education
- Licensed early interventionists

Is a degree in early childhood education right for you?

Would you like to help children discover new things? Do you want to teach young minds about the world? Do you want to help children with special needs grow mentally, physically, and socially? If this sounds like you, then a degree in early childhood education is right for you.

You’ll learn the latest techniques that will make learning fun for your students. The early childhood education – unified program will help you develop the skills and expertise you need so you can have a successful career teaching general education and special education from birth through third grade.

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