

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

One of the following:		3
CIEC 534	Appli Software Class Curr Area	
CIEC 600	Instructional Design & Tech	
CIEC 635	Using Internet in Classroom	
Total Credit Hours		21

Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education may also be completed as an area of emphasis within the M.A. in Education. This certificate is designed for licensed elementary teachers seeking to add an endorsement in early education. The goal of this certificate is to strengthen knowledge of child development, related teaching practices, and program administration specific to the education of young children. Satisfactory completion of the certificate program and state licensure requirements leads to the addition of PreK-K to an existing, current, regular, elementary education teaching license.

Teacher Licensure

A teacher with a valid West Virginia professional license who wants to add another teaching endorsement may do so by completing the course requirements, a performance assessment at the appropriate grade level, and, where specified, acceptable scores on the appropriate Praxis II test. Applicants from other states should verify eligibility for added endorsements through their state's Department of Education.

Admission Requirements

Prospective certificate-only students should apply for admission to Marshall University as a Certificate/Professional Development student and select, on the application form, the certificate they wish to pursue. Applicants must have:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accepted, accredited college or university with an undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale; **or**
- A master's degree from an accepted, regionally accredited institution.

Applicants may be asked to submit additional materials, such as documentation of current teacher licensure, before an admission decision is made.

Program Requirements

The certificate requires completion of 21 hours, including a 3-hour clinical experience, and passing the Education of Young Children Praxis II Test.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CI 632	Early Childhood Programs	3
CI 633	Adult Involve in Early Ed	3
CI 634	Lang/Cog Early Childhood	3
ECE 535	Adm Early Child Programs	3
EDF 513	Human Growth Dev Birth-8 Yr	3
CI 630	Practicum Early Childhood Ed	3