

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (MICRO CREDENTIAL)

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## Overview

The Early Childhood Education Micro credential was created due to a growing need for high quality education for children before reaching a PK-12 school. One way to increase the quality of early childhood programs is to offer courses to practicing day care directors and educators through a micro credential. This micro credential consists of early childhood courses that use Project Construct, a constructivist framework that encourages children to pose questions, explore, investigate, and defend their ideas through hands on experiences.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Coursework</b>		<b>9-10</b>
EDU 300	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 334	Play-Based Instruction	3
EDU 314	Issues & Trends in the Education of Young Children and the Management of Programs for Young Children	3
or EDU 316	Organizing, Developing, and Managing Environments for Young Children	
EDU 379	Project Construct Coaching Practicum	1

## Program Requirements

1. A grade of C or higher in all courses.
2. Admission to the Education Department. EDU 202 Introduction to Education and EDU 203 Participation in Teaching I will be waived as prerequisites for micro credential courses.

## University Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 9 credit hours.
2. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 in the required coursework.
3. Transfer coursework will not be accepted for a micro credential.
4. Degree-seeking students cannot earn a micro credential in the same area as their major, emphasis, or concentration.
5. Degree-seeking students must earn a minimum of 3 credit hours beyond their major, emphasis, concentration, and general studies requirements.