Online Bachelor of Science in Education with a Concentration in Early Childhood Care and Education (Birth to Age 5)

Program Highlights

120 credit hours
In-state tuition: $380.51/credit hour*
Out-of-state tuition: $486.11/credit hour*

* Tuition is based on 2022-2023 rates and is subject to change.

- Unique undergraduate program with a specific focus on culturally and linguistically sustaining methods for teaching children birth to age 5
- The entire program can be completed FULLY ONLINE, either all at UTEP or with combined coursework from El Paso Community College (EPCC) and UTEP
- Complete transfer partnership with EPCC which is approved for the TAEYC T.E.A.C.H. grant at both EPCC and UTEP; grant covers 90% of tuition and books at both institutions plus additional academic and financial support
- Award-winning faculty who are ready to help you acquire the knowledge and skills needed to optimize the health, development, education, and well-being of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers through developmentally and culturally appropriate practices

Make a Difference, One Child at a Time

This degree provides a meaningful, accessible, relevant education at an R1 university to those working/wanting to work with young children, birth to five years of age [0-5] in varied settings.

The demand for high quality early childhood education is becoming increasingly common, and in general, bachelor’s-prepared educators (including those in Head Start programs, childcare centers, family daycare settings, and community and child welfare programs) are able to gain better pay and professional opportunities.

Our program also offers some significant financial advantages to prospective students:
- Thanks to a unique transfer partnership with El Paso Community College (EPCC), students who complete an associate degree at EPCC (an Associate of Arts in Teacher Preparation is recommended) will start at UTEP as full juniors
- Additionally, both EPCC and UTEP are approved for the TAEYC T.E.A.C.H. grant (see https://www.texasaeyc.org/programs/teach); students in either institution who are currently working more than 30 hours at any Texas licensed childcare center (including Head Start and family daycare), may be eligible for this grant. Students awarded this grant will receive funds to cover 90% of tuition, books and other educational expenses, as well as additional financial and academic support. This means, in theory, a working student could have their entire four years of study (at EPCC and UTEP) completely covered.

This program does not provide licensure.

Typical positions held by graduates include:
- Early Childhood Lead Teacher
- Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator/Administrator
- Childcare Owner

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Admissions Requirements

To qualify for admission into the Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Care and Education, you must submit the following:

- **Completed admission application**
- **Official high school transcript(s)**
  - Your transcript(s) must be mailed to UTEP directly from the school(s) attended.
  - Please make sure that your school includes your rank, TAKS scores or any other exit level examination results and graduation (actual or expected) date.
- **Official test scores**
  - SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test), ACT (American College Test), GED (Test of General Educational Development) and/or TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) scores must be mailed to UTEP’s Office of Admissions and Recruitment directly from the testing agency or must appear in your official high school transcript.
  - GED score report if you did not graduate from high school
- **Transfer and/or military applicants:**
  - Official college transcripts mailed to UTEP directly from all applicable institutions
  - Official military transcripts to receive credit for coursework completed while on active duty
- **International applicants:**
  - Official transcripts, provisional certificates
  - Official TOEFL scores (if required)

Note: All transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation by the educational institution, an American Consulate, or a certified English translator.

Curriculum

The 120-credit online bachelor’s degree in early childhood care and education requires you to complete 42 credit hours of a core curriculum, 45 credit hours of required college courses and 33 electives. All required UTEP College of Education coursework requires a combined minimum grade point of 3.0. A total cumulative grade point of 2.75 or higher is required for this degree program.

College of Education Required Courses

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<td>Parent &amp; Community Advocacy in Bilingual Education (Prereq: at least Sophomore)</td>
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