

Early Childhood Education

2021-22

What can you do with an Early Childhood Education major from SPU?

The Early Childhood Education major at Seattle Pacific University allows you to explore current research, pedagogy, and resources for designing and delivering effective Early Childhood curricula. You will gain an understanding of young students' cultural and individual differences, which will allow you to work in childcare settings and schools, or for nonprofit and child advocacy groups.

Potential occupations include:

- Child Life Specialist
- Elementary School Teacher
- Early Education Consultant
- Family Support Specialist
- Early Education Researcher
- Preschool Director

Suggested transfer preparation at Highline College

Associate of Arts (AA-DTA)

Courses in the major you may complete at Highline College

Highline College Courses	Equivalent SPU Courses	
PSYC& 100 General Psychology (5)	PSY 1180 Gen Psych: Individual in Growth (5)	
EDUC& 115 Child Development (5)	Fulfills PSY 3460 Child Dvlpmt Psych (5) * for ECE.	
MATH 180 Number Theory for K-8 Teachers (5)	MAT 1560 Numerical Reasoning (5)	
ECED& 105 Intro to Early Childhood Education (5)	ECE 2100 Foundations of EC Education (2)	
ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development (3)	ECE 3300 Lang Dev and Early Literacy (3) *	
ECED& 190 Observation and Assessment (3)	ECE 3500 Assessment in Early Childhood Ed (3) *	
ENGL 122 Intro to Children's Literature (5)	EDRD 3516 Children's Literature (5) *	
ECED& 160 Curriculum Development (5)	ECE 3600 Curric in Early Childhood Ed (3) *	

Note: Only courses with a regular grade of 1.7 (C-) or higher may count toward a major or minor. *Indicates that this course transfers to SPU as lower-division credit for the equivalent course.

Admission to the major

If you identify the Early Childhood Education major as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you will automatically gain entry to the major when admitted to SPU.

Learn more about the Early Childhood Education major at:

http://spu.edu/early-child-edu http://spu.edu/early-child-edu-regs

Get more information about transfer admission to Seattle Pacific University at http://spu.edu/transfer. Questions? Contact transfer@spu.edu.

Courses in the major to complete at SPU

Courses in the major to complete at SFO		
HHP 1301 Wellness and Physical Activity (3)		
EDU 2300 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Ed (3)		
ECE 3100 Early Learning Children w/ Dis (3)		
ECE 3200 Creativity Play in Early Learning (5)		
EDU 3205 Elementary General Methods I (2)		
FCS 3280 Children & Families (5)		
ECE 3400 Guidance of Young Children (3)		
HHP 3510 Teaching Physical Education (5)		
ECE 3700 STEM for Early Learning (3)		
EDU 4200 Elementary General Methods II (2)		
ECE 4300 Language Literacy & SS Methods (3)		
ECE 4700 STEM for Early Learning Methods I (2)		
ECE 4750 STEM for Early Learning Methods II (3)		
EDU 4930 Education Practicum (22)		
ECE 4899 Issues in Early Child Ed Cap (2)		

Other requirements for the degree

In addition to the major, the degree requires completion of any remaining general education and University requirements, and at least 180 college-level credits total, including 60 upperdivision (UD) credits.

All students must complete the University Foundations requirement at SPU – even those who have completed the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Associate Degree.

Students admitted with fewer than 90 credits (freshmen and sophomores) complete 15 credits:

UFDN 1000 The Christian Faith (5) UFDN 2000 Christian Scriptures (5)

UFDN 3000 Christian Theology (5)

Students admitted with 90 credits or more (juniors and seniors) complete 10 credits:

UFDN 3001 Christian Scriptures (5) UFDN 3000 Christian Theology (5)

Suggested course plan for your junior and senior years at SPU

Assumes junior standing at entrance, and successful completion of PSYC& 100; MATH 180; ECED& 105, 160, 180, and 190; EDUC& 115; and ENGL 122, prior to transfer.

Junior Year				
Autumn	Winter	Spring	Notes	
ECE 3100 (3)+ 12 – 15 credits	ECE 3200 (5)ECE 3400 (3)+ 7 – 10 credits	 FCS 3280 (5) ECE 3700 (5) + 5 - 8 credits 	The major will fulfill WKSS, CUE, and W requirements. Be sure to	
Any Quarter Offered: HHP 1301 (5) and EDU 2300 (3). UFDN, general education, and University requirements.			fulfill Foreign Language, Common Curriculum (UCOL, WRI, UCOR and UFDN), and remaining Exploratory Curriculum Requirements (WE, WKA, WKH, WKFS, WKAS, and WKQR).	
Senior Year				
Autumn	Winter	Spring	Notes	
 EDU 3205 (3) HHP 3510 (5) ECE 4300 (3) ECE 4700 (2) EDU 4930 (2) + 0 - 3 credits 	 EDU 4200 (2) ECE 4750 (3) EDU 4930 (10) + 0 - 3 credits 	 EDU 4930 (10) ECE 4899 (2) + 3 – 6 credits 	Additional credits are required for students pursuing a P–3 Certification. Consult with an advisor in the School of Education.	
 Any Quarter Offered: Remaining UFDN, general education, and University requirements. 				