



Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Graduate Certificate

Are you interested in working with children and families? The Department of Child and Family Studies offers the Early Childhood Special Education graduate certificate that leads to the ECSE license Birth to age six.



Course Descriptions

The ECSE program is designed for students to enroll in the program to obtain a certificate and license in ECSE as well as complete an ECSE master's degree

Foundations Core (15 cr.)

- **CFS 611** - Foundations of EC/ECSE (3)
- **CFS 521** - Development of Young Children (3)
- **CFS 632** - Families of Children with Disabilities (3)
- **CFS 608** - Developmental Screening and Assessment (3)
- **CFS 631** - Development of Infants and Toddlers (3)

ECSE SPED Methods/Content (15 cr.)

- **CFS 633** - Educational Strategies for Children with Dis. (3)
- **CFS 643** - Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (3)
- **SPED 505** - Behavior Theories and Practices in SPED (3)
- **SPED 515** - Assistive Technology for Students with Special Needs (3)
- **SPED 520** - Characteristics of Students w/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (3)

Student Teaching (6 cr.)

- **CFS 680** - ECSE Infant/Toddler Student Teaching (3)
- **CFS 681** - ECSE Preschool Student Teaching (3)

Total Credits: 36

****If initial license, candidates will need to take the following:**

- **SPED 518** - General Education Literacy Instruction (3)
- **SPED 519** - Literacy Instruction for Students with Special Needs (3)
- **HURL 597** - Human Relations for Teachers 1 (3)

Total Credits: 45

Also required:

- **edTPA** - (First time licensure only)

Program Highlights

The Early Childhood Special Education graduate certificate program gives you an excellent overview of early childhood special education — its history, philosophies behind the profession and legal requirements.

You will learn about child development, methods for teaching young children with disabilities and screening and assessing young children. Your studies will also focus on family structure and its impact on child development.

Take your interests in infants and young children to a professional level. Make a difference in the lives of families by becoming an Early Childhood Special Educator.

The ECSE program offers:

- Faculty members who bring experiences from the field of Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education into the classroom
- Assistance for students to build and develop skills and knowledge through individual, group, and project-based assignments, as well as extended field experiences
- Graduates of the program fill positions in home-based, center-based, classroom, and hospital programs providing services to infants, toddlers, and young children at risk and with disabilities



The ECSE Graduate Certificate Program is accredited by PELSB

Department of Child and Family Studies
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The ECSE program is guided by social-ecological and transactional philosophies that support the interactive nature of child-environment exchanges, and their importance to the children's ongoing developmental progress.



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The ECSE program is designed to develop professionals for roles within:

- In-home visit programs to serve parents of children with disabilities, from birth to kindergarten and first grade.
- Teacher in childcare and preschool programs for children with disabilities, from birth through age six.

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