MASTER OF EDUCATION (leading to Initial Licensure)
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PreK-2)

Prerequisites:

1. Bachelor's Degree.
2. Passing score on MTEL Communication and Literacy Skills Exam or equivalent experience.

Required Coursework for Initial Licensure in Early Childhood Education:
EDUC 0519 Principles of Teaching and Learning 3 s.h.
EDUC 0508 Early Childhood Curriculum 3 s.h.
EDUC 0503 Early Literacy and Reading 3 s.h.
EDUC 0581 Early Intervention for Young Children with Special Needs 3 s.h.
EDUC 0580 Multicultural Education 3 s.h.
EDUC 0514 Classroom Management 3 s.h.
EDUC 0661 Story Telling and Literature for the Very Young Child 3 s.h.
EDUC 0632 Research in Education 3 s.h.
EDUC 0513 Evaluation Techniques in Education 3 s.h.
IDIS 0560 Elementary Math and Science 4s.h.

*Practicum 12 s.h.

*Candidate needs to finish all coursework before enrolling in practicum. Licensure regulations require two practicum placements. If a student has the appropriate experience, one half of the 12 credit practicum may be waived. Contact the Early Childhood program advisor listed on page 4 for further information.

Candidate must pass the MTEL Subject Test and Foundations of Reading before Practicum.

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Additional Guidelines

A. Students must have passed the MTEL subject matter test(s) and have a GPA of 2.8 before beginning the practicum. Although you may be allowed to apply for student teaching practicum with a 2.8 GPA, you must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain in the graduate program.
B. Students are required to successfully complete a written comprehensive examination to demonstrate mastery of knowledge gained in coursework and to relate concepts across the curriculum. The comprehensive exam may be taken after completing a minimum of eight of the ten non-practicum courses within the Master's program.