

Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education

Birth – Grade 3

Transfer Pathways

This advising guide is for teacher candidates who completed an Early Childhood Transfer Pathways program at a Minnesota State community college. When admitted to SMSU, you will be guaranteed junior status and all 60 associate degree credits will count toward the related bachelor's degree. Students must meet special admission requirements for the major and are not guaranteed admission into the major itself.

Course	Title	Credits	Semester
Standards of Effective Practice			
ED 102	Educational Technology	2	B, Su
TESL 431	Foundations of Teaching Multilingual Learners & LAB	3	B
ED 458	Pre-Student Teaching Experience **	3	B
Early Childhood Education Content Methods			
ED 275	Foundations: Parent-Child Relationships	2	B
ED 330	Curriculum, Methods, & Assessments in Early Childhood & LAB ** *Pre-Requisites: ED 315	3	S
ED 402	Early Literacy and Linguistics & LAB ** *	3	B
ED 404	Literacy Methods & LAB ** *Pre-Requisites: ED 402	3	B
ED 418	Kindergarten Methods & LAB *Pre-Requisites: ED 101	3	B
ED 423	Effective Learning Environments for Classroom Management **	3	B
ED 424	Elementary Mathematics Methods & LAB **	3	B
ED 425	Elementary Science Methods & LAB **	3	B
ED 426	Elementary Social Studies Methods **	3	B
ED 455	Leadership and Advocacy in Early Childhood *Pre-Requisites: Declared ECE majors with Junior/Senior status or previous degree	1	S, Su
SPED 470	Collaboration in Educational Settings ** *Pre-Requisites: SPED 290 and Sophomore status	3	B, Su
Student Teaching			
ED 462	Student Teaching: Early Childhood Education **	12	B
ED 473	Teacher Licensure	0	B
Degree & Major Requirements			
	Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway Associate of Science	60	
	MnTC Courses	10	
	Early Childhood Education requirements	50	
	Total credits required	120	
<i>Note: Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree.</i>			

F = Fall S = Spring B = Both F & S Su = Summer

Courses in the shaded area may be taken prior to admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

Courses not in the shaded areas require admission to the Teacher Preparation Program

The semester is based on online course offerings. For the on-campus schedule, please refer to the on-campus advising guide for ECE.

** Courses that need to be taken at SMSU (not articulated)

* Courses that meet Reading Standards

This information is provided for advising. Official curriculum is published in the SMSU academic catalog: www.SMSU.edu/catalog/
Students should refer to the online catalog or their DARS report for current curriculum. This advising guide was updated: 7/7/2025