



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, BIRTH-GRADE 3

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM NAME	EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM CODE
-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Name & EPP Code above. The EPP Code may be located at <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/EPP-Code-Name.pdf>

Certification Requirements:

- **Course Number** – List the course number(s) for the course(s) or groups of competencies that align with the specific section of the requirements. It is possible to have more than one course or group listed.
- **Course Title** – List the course title(s) for the course(s) or groups of competencies that align with the specific section of the requirements. It is possible to have more than one course or group listed.
- **Semester Hours** – List the number of semester hours for each specific section. It is possible to use decimals (to the nearest tenth) to indicate partial use of a course to meet a requirement. The total number of semester hours must meet or exceed the minimum required number of semester hours.

Email the completed cover sheet, curriculum matrix, and advising/program information to DESE.MoSPETransition@dese.mo.gov on or before the date established in the Transition Plan.

QUESTIONS: Contact Gale Hairston, 573/751-1668 or DESE.MoSPETransition@dese.mo.gov

A. Professional Requirements (Minimum of 60 semester hours)

1. Content Planning and Delivery			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
a. Curriculum and Instructional Planning			
b. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty			
c. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making			
d. Strategies for Content Literacy			
e. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving			
f. English Language Learning			
2. Individual Student Needs			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
a. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent			
b. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child			
c. Differentiated Learning			
d. Classroom Management			
e. Cultural Diversity			
f. Educational Psychology			
3. Schools and the Teaching Profession			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
a. Consultation and Collaboration			
b. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching			

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to Department programs and to the location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible by persons with disabilities may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Office of the General Counsel, Coordinator – Civil Rights Compliance (Title VI/Title IX/504/ADA/Age Act), 6th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480; telephone number 573-526-4757 or TTY 800-735-2966 email civilrights@dese.mo.gov.

4. Content Knowledge for Teaching and Teaching and Learning Strategies for the Young Child (Minimum of 30 semester hours)			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
a. Early Childhood Principles			
i. Child Development			
ii. Play-Based and Inquiry-Based Learning			
iii. Observing and Assessing Young Children			
iv. Language Acquisition			
b. Methods of Teaching and Differentiated Instruction in the following integrated areas:			
i. Language Arts (to include reading, writing, speaking, and listening)			
ii. Mathematics			
iii. Health			
iv. Science			
v. Nutrition			
vi. Social Studies			
vii. Music			
viii. Safety			
ix. Movement			
x. Art			
xi. Drama			
5. Home-School-Community Relations (Minimum of six semester hours)			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
a. Families as Educational Partners			
b. Family Engagement			
c. Linking Families with Community Resources			
6. Program Management (Minimum of six semester hours)			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
a. Program Administration and Management			
b. Health, Nutrition, and Safety of Young Children			
c. Environmental Organization and Design			
Professional Requirements - Total Semester Hours			
B. Field and Clinical Experiences (Minimum of ten semester hours to include experiences in each of the three different age levels: Infant/Toddler, Pre-K/Kindergarten, and Kindergarten-Grade 3)			
	Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
1. Early Field Experiences (Minimum of one semester hour with a minimum of 30 clock hours)			
2. Mid-Level Field Experiences (Minimum of one semester hour with a minimum of 45 clock hours)			
3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (Minimum of eight semester hours with a minimum of 12 weeks in one placement)			
Field and Clinical Experiences - Total Semester Hours			