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EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES



PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

BACHELOR'S

Degree: B.A.E. in EC Education

Entry: Fall Semester

Full-time/Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 2 years

Total Credits: 60 credits

Learning Format: On Campus

Application Deadline: April 15

MASTER'S

Degree: M.A.E. in EC Education

Entry: Fall Semester

Full-time/Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 2 years

Total Credits: 36 credits

Learning Format: On Campus

Application Deadline: Dec. 15

DOCTORAL CONCENTRATION

Degree: Ph.D. in Special Education or Ph.D in School Psychology
with a Concentration in Early Childhood Studies

Entry: Fall Semester

Full-time/Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 5 courses integrated into your doctoral program plan

Total Credits: 15 credits

Learning Format: On Campus

**Also available as a University of Florida Graduate Minor in EC Studies*

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Entry: Fall, Spring, or Summer Semesters

Full-time/Part-time: Part-time

Program Length: 4 courses

Total Credits: 12 credits

Learning Format: Online



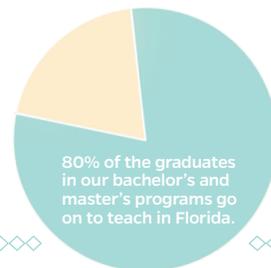
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OUR GRADUATES

Roles after graduation have included:

- ▶ certified teacher in early elementary programs across the country
- ▶ teacher in early care and education programs
- ▶ director or owner of early childhood education programs
- ▶ early intervention/developmental therapists
- ▶ community social service agencies
- ▶ international teaching
- ▶ higher education
- ▶ research



“ The Master of Arts program in Early Childhood Education at UF not only enhanced my knowledge base but also provided me with opportunities to learn about research in early childhood studies. During my program, I received so much help and support from my advisor, other faculty members, and my peer students. My experience here has inspired me to continue pursuing a doctorate degree in early childhood special education at UF. ”

Shujia Sun, M.A.E.
Doctoral Student

“ I am proud to be a graduate of the UF doctoral program in special education and to be part of the first cohort of doctoral students affiliated with the Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies. My faculty mentors supported me to cultivate a rich program of studies that would hone my interests in early childhood studies, special education, and research methodology. What I learned through coursework was extended to applied research experiences with faculty at UF and at universities across the country. These experiences have been invaluable and have allowed me to build a strong network of colleagues, mentors, and community partnerships that are integral to my work as an early career researcher and scholar. ”

Crystal Bishop, Ph.D.
Assistant Research Scientist



OUR FACULTY

Our faculty have a combined 200+ years of experience in Early Childhood Education with areas of expertise covering the following: Assessment & Intervention; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Child Development & Administration; Communication, Early Literacy, and Social-Emotional Foundations of Early Learning; Curriculum & Instruction; Family Centered Practice; Family Support; Policy; Professional Development; Teacher Education; The Role of Play in Learning and Development; and more.



Maureen Conroy, Ph.D.



Kristen Kemple, Ph.D.



Tara Mathien, Ed.D.



Mary McLean, Ph.D.



Brian Reichow, Ph.D.



Tina Smith-Bonahue, Ph.D.



Patricia Snyder, Ph.D.

THE ANITA ZUCKER CENTER

The **Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies** is an interdisciplinary university-wide center at the University of Florida affiliated with the School of Special Education, School Psychology, and Early Childhood Studies. The Center's work is dedicated to advancing knowledge, policy and practices in early childhood studies. Early childhood studies is an interdisciplinary field focused on young children birth to age 5, their families, and the contexts that support their health, development, learning and well-being.

To accomplish its mission, the Center partners with and draws upon the expertise of faculty from colleges throughout UF. The Center's research and practice collaborators, also dedicated to addressing the needs of vulnerable children and their families, are from the Colleges of Education, Law, Medicine, Public Health and Health Professions, and other institutes and centers.

Center members engage with local, state, national and global partners to address the needs of communities, vulnerable children and their families. Forging commitments among diverse stakeholders, the Center is implementing and sharing evidence-informed solutions that spur change in practices and policies to transform lives. Students enrolled in all early childhood studies programs have opportunities to engage with the Center as student affiliates, enriching and extending their academic experiences.

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“THE FACULTY AND STAFF HERE ARE TRULY ADDRESSING THE RESEARCH-PRACTICE-POLICY GAP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD. THIS GAP HAS BEEN A NATIONAL TOPIC OF CONTENTION FOR YEARS. AT THE CENTER, WE DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT ALL THESE ISSUES - WE'RE ACTUALLY ADDRESSING THEM WITH EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES.”

**JENNIFER JARAMILLO
DOCTORAL STUDENT**