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## Human Development: Early Childhood Education (PreK-2)

Merrimack College's School of Education offers dynamic, responsive, and focused programs that prepare and support individuals to be thoughtful, passionate, and competent teachers, educational leaders, community workers and engaged citizens. The Human Development major accommodates students with interests in a variety of human service studies, including but not limited to, Education and Psychology. The Human Development major is a perfect choice for students wishing to gain an understanding of development across the lifespan and provides a solid foundation for students interested in graduate programs and/or future careers in education, human services and social sciences. This major is strongly encouraged for those students interested in becoming early childhood or elementary education teachers. Human Development is truly an interdisciplinary major – student will take courses in Education, Psychology, and courses across the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

All Human Development majors take a set of core courses: a series of Foundational courses, a series of courses in Approaches to Inquiry, and specific courses addressing Developmental Progressions and Processes in a variety of psychological domains. Also, all students choose an area of concentration in one of the following: (1) Psychology; (2) Elementary Education, (3) Elementary & Moderate Disabilities (4) Early Childhood Education and (5) School and Society. Finally, all students fulfill a capstone experience, either through their practicum (student-teaching), senior thesis, or field experience component. This program sheet outlines the requirements for the Human Development: Early Childhood Education option.

		HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PreK-2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS				
	Foundational			<b>Developmental Progressions &amp; Processes</b>		
	PSY 1000	Introduction to Psychology	4	Each of the following:		
	EDU 2110	Foundations & Principles of Education	4	EDU 4500 Language Acquisition & Literacy 4		
	PSY 2300	Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b>	4	Curriculum Development		
	EDU 2210	Child & Adolescent Development	4	Choose One of the following:		
				EDU 2230 Applied Adolescent Psychology 4		
	Approaches to Inquiry			PSY 3380 Psychology of Aging 4		
	PSY 1100W	Psychology Inquiry & Methodology	4	SOC 3850 Sociology of Aging 4		
	PSY 2110	Statistical Methods in Psychology	4	PSY 3310 Development of Intelligence/Thinking 4		
		(PSY/Math Content)		PSY 3340 Developmental Psychopathology 4		
Teaching & Education				Capstone		
	EDU 2310	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	EDU 4905 Practicum – Early Childhood Education 12		
	EDU 3310	Teaching Reading & Language Arts	4			
	EDU 3340	Teaching Mathematics & Technology	4	Elective: Choose One		
	EDU 3360	Teaching Science, Health & Phys Ed	4	PSY 3250 Cultural Psychology 4		
	EDU 4220	Diff Instruc for Inclusive Classroom	2	EDU 3620 Cultural Diversity in the Schools 4		
	EDU 4221	Classroom Management	2	SOC 3450 Sociology of the Family 4		
	EDU 4320	Teaching Social Studies	2	EDU 3200 Language and Social Processes 4		
	EDU 4340	Children's Literature	2	EDU 4480 Critical Education: Theory, Literacy & Pedagogy 4		
	MTE 1410	Foundations in Mathematics I	4			
	MTH 1412	Foundations in Mathematics II	4	Cognate		
	EDU 2500	Pre-Practicum	0	HSC 1106 Human Biology 4		
	EDU 2510	Pre-Practicum	0			



## **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

All students must meet the College's General Education (formerly referred to as Institutional & Distributional) requirements by successfully completing approved courses on the Liberal Studies Core Curriculum Master List.

Additionally, students seeking DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) teacher licensure must complete DESE distribution requirements. With careful planning, students can choose courses that fulfill both Merrimack College General Education requirements and DESE licensure requirements. Please meet with your advisor to create a course schedule.

Please note that the former Institutional & Distributional requirements still apply to current students. The new General Education requirements apply only to incoming fall 2012 students and beyond (and all transfer students).

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the School of Education at **978-837-5452**. www.merrimack.edu/schoolofeducation