

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Early Childhood Education Certificate offers additional coursework in Early Childhood Education to public and private school teachers, administrators, and support professionals who hold a baccalaureate degree and who are seeking additional knowledge and training in the field of Early Childhood Education. This Certificate can be used as an area of emphasis in many M.Ed programs within the College of Education.

This Graduate Certificate is eligible to receive Title IV funding – Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Graduate PLUS loans by request. To be considered for aid, students need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Note:** The graduate certificate in Early Childhood Education DOES NOT lead to teacher certification.

Applicants seeking admission to the graduate certificate program in Early Childhood Education must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript from the baccalaureate degree granting institution
4. A list of 3 professional references with contact information.
5. Writing sample

For recommendation forms and writing sample instructions, please contact the School of Teaching and Learning ([stlgraduate@shsu.edu](mailto:stlgraduate@shsu.edu)) or visit the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education program landing page. (<http://www.shsu.edu/programs/graduate-certificate-in-early-childhood-education/>)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education</b>		
<b>Specified Courses</b>		
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
ECE 5343	Curriculum Dev-Early Child Edu	
ECE 5349	Lang & Lit Dev In Young Child	
ECE 5355	Curr Pract-Early Child Setting	
ECE 5363	Buildg Rel With Div Fam& Child	
ECE 5373	Theor. Perspctv-Early Child Ed	
ECE 5375	Development Of The Young Child	
ECE 6088	Special Topics Erly Childhd Ed (Can only be taken once )	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>