

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Early Childhood Special Education certificate combines early childhood education and special education courses to provide additional training for individuals who teach or work with children with special needs.

This certificate has been approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and is awarded by Sam Houston State University.

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: This certificate in Early Childhood Special Education DOES NOT lead to teacher certification.

Applicants seeking admission to the graduate certificate program in Early Childhood Special 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. List of three professional references with contact information and relationship to applicant.
5. Writing sample

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

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education | | |
| Required Course | | |
| SPED 5301 | Ed Of Indvls Wth Disabilities (Offered summer only) | 3 |
| Special Education | | |
| Select two from the following: | | 6 |
| SPED 5304 | Tch Mthd-Lrnrs/Mild-Mod Dsblty | |
| SPED 5306 | Transition Services Ind w Dis | |
| SPED 5307 | Transition Assessment and Inst | |
| SPED 6304 | In-Home Training & Family Iss | |
| SPED 6305 | Std Behavior Disorder Children | |
| SPED 6321 | Outcomes in Behav Intervent | |
| Early Childhood Education | | |
| Select two from the following: ¹ | | 6 |
| ECH 5343 | Curriculum Dev-Early Child Edu | |
| ECH 5349 | Lang & Lit Dev In Young Child | |
| ECH 5355 | Curr Pract-Early Child Setting | |
| ECH 5363 | Buildg Rel With Div Fam& Child | |
| ECH 5373 | Theor. Perspctv-Early Child Ed | |
| ECH 5375 | Development Of The Young Child | |
| ECH 6088 | Special Topics Erly Childhd Ed (May be taken twice with varied topic) | |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

¹ One graduate early childhood (ECH) course is offered per semester.