

Early Childhood Education



Prepare to be a leader in the classroom and create meaningful learning experiences.

Why Study at Rivier?

Our Early Childhood Education program provides you with the knowledge and teaching skills necessary to be confident in a classroom and other learning environments.

Build Your Knowledge Base

As an Early Childhood Education major, you will take a unique set of courses in curriculum development and design, teaching and instructional strategies, and classroom environments that will empower you to become a problem-solver and increase your capacity to make informed decisions.

Gain Real-World Experience

Through a focus on experiential learning and field experience beginning your freshman year, you will build your skills, resume, and professional network. Our proximity to some of the most diverse school districts in our state offers excellent opportunities for internships and employment. You will gain practical experience through a semester-long student teaching assignment that will develop your confidence in the classroom, skills, and resume.

Begin Your Career

Early Childhood Education graduates may pursue careers as:

- Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school teachers
- Preschool administrators/owners
- Childcare workers

Advanced Degrees and Licensure

Graduates are well prepared to pursue master's degrees in education, administration, and related fields. This program is designed to meet the educational requirements necessary for licensure in the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.

Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled *Journeys of Transformation*, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.



36,000 sq. ft.
cutting-edge
Science & Innovation
Center



90+ years
of educational
excellence



100%
of students receive
financial aid



100%
of students complete
internships, field
experiences, or service
learning programs





Major Requirements

EDUCATION CORE COURSES

EDUC 108	Human Development and Learning
EDUC 110	Teaching, Technology, Learning Environment
EDUC 285	Fundamentals of Math I (K-3)
EDUC 290	Fostering Literacy I: Emergent through Early (Pre-K-3)
EDUC 325	Assessment Informed Instruction
EDUC 360	Integrated Methods I: Social Studies, Science, Math & Technology (K-3)
EDUC 370	Understanding Students with Exceptionalities
EDUC 406	Family and Community Leadership
EDUC 420	Student Teaching and Seminar

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COURSES

EDUC 102	Issues and Influences in Education
ECED 201	Curriculum Development I: Infant and Toddler
ECED 203	Curriculum Development II: Early Childhood
EDUC 405	Organizational Leadership

DISCIPLINARY CONCENTRATION COURSES

Students in early childhood education must complete their major by selecting one of the following disciplinary content areas: English, Mathematics, Sciences, or Social Studies.

COURSES REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION

HIST 101	United States History I
or	
HIST 102	United States History II
Physical Science - Select one course from Chemistry or Physics	

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Students choose three three-credit elective courses (nine credits) to reach the total number of credits required for the degree.

The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary as needed without notification. (0824)

Employment Promise Program

Rivier's **Employment Promise Program** enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center and features a tailored four-year academic and professional development plan, integrating experiences that have been shown to enhance overall employability and improve job search success.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/EPP.



You're Invited

Attend an on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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