ASU’s Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College is one of the top-ranked graduate colleges of education in the U.S. We understand that the creativity that fuels the great innovations of our time is the same force that animates great educators. Our graduate programs develop collaborative leaders who bring people and ideas together to improve systems and strengthen communities.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MEd Curriculum and Instruction (Early Childhood Education)

The MEd program in curriculum and instruction, early childhood education concentration, prepares individuals to meet the educational, social and emotional needs of children from birth through age eight.

Through online coursework, applied activities and in-person clinical experiences, the program equips students with specialized skills and advanced knowledge in early childhood pedagogy, community collaboration, technology, administration, policy analysis and advocacy.

The master's degree is appropriate for students interested in learning about early childhood education research and working with infants and children in grades K-3. This track may be of interest to students who already have a teaching certificate and are interested in furthering their knowledge and skills or pursuing doctoral studies in the future.

A second option is the master's degree and Arizona certification in early childhood education track, which provides students with the coursework and practical experiences necessary to become licensed to teach children birth through grade three in the public schools. The track provides participants an institutional recommendation for a state of Arizona early childhood education certification (birth through age eight or through grade three) and the master's degree.

All courses are online, but clinical experiences are completed in person.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (ECD 593)

Students in this program will complete an applied project within their plan of study as a culminating experience.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. resume
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The letters of recommendation should from individuals who can speak to the applicant's potential for success in a graduate program.
The personal statement should describe the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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