Early Childhood Education, Minor

Moment by moment, day by day and person by person, educators ignite minds and strengthen communities. Programs at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College offer a blend of classroom instruction and professional experiences that prepare you to ask the right questions, navigate uncertainty and make a difference.

Description

A minor in early childhood education allows students to combine their knowledge of their major discipline with an understanding of educational practices for young children and their families. The ultimate goal of this minor is to produce graduates who understand and apply knowledge of child development and collaboration within educational community contexts.

The service learning experience embedded in this program enables students to apply their knowledge and skills to authentic educational contexts in the community.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, Polytechnic campus, Tempe campus, West campus

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

Required Courses -- 18 credit hours

ECS 312: Social and Emotional Development of the Young Child (SB) (3)
ECS 431: Family, Community and Professional Support Systems (3)
EDP 310: Educational Psychology for Non-Teachers (SB) (3)

Notes: Complete three one-hour courses in EDP 310

SPE 222: Orientation to Education of Exceptional Children (SB & C) (3)
TEL 215: Introduction to Child and Adolescent Development (SB) (3)
USL 210: Service Learning: Intro to Diverse Community Issues (L & C) (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: All education majors

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Career Opportunities

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor alone can provide.

Graduates with a minor in early childhood education have acquired knowledge and skills related to child development and educational support, which is a benefit as they pursue careers that require working with young children and their families in a variety of educational settings.

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