Moment by moment, day by day and person by person, educators improve lives and strengthen communities. Wherever life takes you, an education degree prepares you to master new knowledge, communicate effectively and thrive in a world --- and an economy --- in which lifelong learning is key to success and happiness.

Program Description

The BAE program for early childhood and early childhood special education prepares students for certification in both early childhood education (birth to age 8 or grade 3) and early childhood special education (birth to age 8 or grade 3).

This is a premier program taught by nationally renowned faculty who emphasize community connectedness, technology integration, policy analysis and advocacy related to young children with or without disabilities or developmental delays.

The program teaches child development, best practices in early childhood education and the skills to assess, monitor and report the progress of children with and without disabilities. It provides techniques and approaches to involve family members in the growth and development of young children.

The teacher certification program in early childhood and early childhood special education is clinically embedded during the junior and senior years. The primary goal of all clinical experiences is to provide interns and student teachers with multiple opportunities to apply knowledge learned in coursework to practice in preK-12 classrooms. Students complete internships during their junior year that require one to two days per week in a classroom and student teaching, which is a full-time, year-long apprenticeship known as the senior year residency. Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College faculty and highly qualified mentor teachers from our partner school districts and charter schools coach interns and student teachers during required preschool and grades K-3 general education and special education clinical experiences. The clinical experience provided by the program, known as iTeachAZ, is unmatched in Arizona. It provides students with an opportunity to work directly with children and make an immediate impact on classroom achievement. This intensive, hands-on clinical experience model of teacher preparation creates highly sought-after graduates.
This program also offers a full, structured English immersion endorsement to work with English language learners and provides extensive experiences in integrating technology into teaching.

Graduates are recommended for teacher certification. Those desiring to teach in a public school must pass the appropriate Arizona educator exams, National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments, to be certified to teach in the state of Arizona.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools, and resources and help students save time and money in their college journey. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/).

Career Opportunities

There is a strong demand for early childhood special education teachers in Arizona. A high percentage of students from this program receive job offers during their senior year residency. Many graduates with a degree in early childhood special education hold leadership positions in Head Start, private nonprofit and private for-profit center-based programs and public school early childhood environments. Early childhood certification or endorsement is required for teaching kindergarten in Arizona.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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