Educational Studies (Early Childhood Studies), BAE

This program’s name has changed effective Fall 2021. The previous name was Educational Studies (Early Childhood Education).

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 instruction and professional experiences that prepare you to ask the right questions, navigate uncertainty and make a difference.

Program Description

The BAE program in educational studies with a concentration in early childhood studies prepares graduates to lead change and innovation in early childhood education. It provides students with experience in collaborative and reflective practice, develops leadership and critical thinking, and builds the skills needed for working with and advocating for children from birth to age 5.

This program is delivered online and tailored for individuals working or volunteering in early childhood settings; students must work or volunteer in an early-childhood setting in the last two years of the program to successfully complete the coursework.

The curriculum allows educators to apply coursework to their professional practice. It focuses on early childhood development, instructional strategies, delivering highly individualized instruction, classroom management, intentional teaching and reflective practice.

This program does not lead to Arizona teacher certification. Students seeking teacher certification should enroll in one of the other Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College undergraduate programs.

Transfer students who already have an AAS degree in early childhood education or closely related field should consider the BAS in Applied Science (Early Childhood Studies) program, which has a parallel curriculum.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** online, ASU Local@Los Angeles
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)]
- [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://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

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](#).

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](#) 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad. They can explore how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education and conduct comparative research. Students can make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools and engaging in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities. Students may visit https://goglobal.asu.edu/ to explore programs.

Career Opportunities

The goal of the BAE in educational studies with a concentration in early childhood studies is to increase access and capacity toward degree completion for early childhood providers currently working or volunteering in the field and focuses on increasing workforce competency and knowledge in the area of early childhood.

Career opportunities for graduates include early childhood teacher (birth to age 5) in various settings, including Head Start programs, child care centers, private preschools, nonprofit centers and home-based service providers. Other career opportunities include center-based administrators or directors; topic specialists that provide resources, training and technical assistance to teachers and programs; program managers; family specialists; and consultants.

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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