Educational Studies (Early Childhood Education), BAE

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 education 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 five.

This program is delivered online and tailored for individuals working in early childhood settings such as Head Start; child development centers; preschools; and private, public or home-based child care. 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, and advocating for and leading early childhood and family resources.

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

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

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) 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](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request).
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

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/

Career Opportunities

Many students are already teaching in Head Start preschools and this program supports a recent Head Start mandate which requires that preschool teachers hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. The BAE in educational studies with a concentration in early childhood education will meet these requirements. In addition, a BAE in educational studies provides graduates with other opportunities for careers involving work with children and youths.

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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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
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<tr>
<td>Education Professor 🌟</td>
<td>10.3%</td>
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<td>Kindergarten Teacher</td>
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### Preschool Teacher

| Preschool Teacher | 10.5% | $28,990 |

* 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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