

What can you do with an Early Childhood Education major from SPU?

The Early Childhood Education major at Seattle Pacific University allows you to explore current research, pedagogy, and resources for designing and delivering effective Early Childhood curricula. You will gain an understanding of young students' cultural and individual differences, which will allow you to work in childcare settings and schools, or for nonprofit and child advocacy groups.

Potential occupations include:

- Child Life Specialist
- Elementary School Teacher
- Early Education Consultant
- Family Support Specialist
- Early Education Researcher
- Preschool Director

Suggested transfer preparation at Edmonds Community College

Associate in Arts (AA-DTA)

Courses in the major you may complete at Edmonds Community College

Edmonds Community College Courses	Equivalent SPU Courses
PSYC& 100 General Psychology (5)	PSY 1180 Gen Psych: Individual in Growth (5)
EDUC& 115 Child Development (5)	Fulfills PSY 3460 Child Dvlpmt Psych (5) * for ECE.
ECED& 105 Intro to Early Childhood Education (5) – and – ECED& 120 Practicum-Nurturing Relationships (2)	ECE 2100 Foundations of EC Education (2)
ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development: CD (3)	ECE 3300 Lang Dev and Early Literacy (3) *
ECED& 190 Observation and Assessment (3)	ECE 3500 Assessment in Early Childhood Ed (3) *
ECED& 160 Curriculum Development (5)	ECE 3600 Curric in Early Childhood Ed (3) *
ECE 120 Math for Early Childhood Education (5) – and – ECE 130 Science for Early Childhood Education (3)	ECE 3700 STEM for Early Learning (3) *

Note: Only courses with a regular grade of 1.7 (C-) or higher may count toward a major or minor.

**Indicates that this course transfers to SPU as lower-division credit for the equivalent course.*

Admission to the major

If you identify the Early Childhood Education major as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you will automatically gain entry to the major when admitted to SPU.

Learn more about the Early Childhood Education major at:

<http://spu.edu/early-child-edu>

<http://spu.edu/early-child-edu-regs>

Get more information about transfer admission to Seattle Pacific University at <http://spu.edu/transfer>.

Questions? Contact transfer@spu.edu.

Courses in the major to complete at SPU

HHP 1301 Wellness and Physical Activity (3)
MAT 1560 Numerical Reasoning (4)
EDU 2300 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ed (3)
ECE 3100 Early Learning Children w/ Dis (3)
ECE 3200 Creativity Play in Early Learning (5)
EDU 3205 Elementary Methods I (3)
FCS 3280 Children & Families (5)
ECE 3400 Guidance of Young Children (3)
HHP 3510 Teaching Physical Education (5)
EDRD 3516 Children's Literature (3)
EDU 4200 Elementary General Methods II (2)
ECE 4300 Language Literacy & SS Methods (3)
ECE 4700 STEM for Early Learning Methods I (2)
ECE 4750 STEM for Early Learning Methods II (3)
EDU 4930 Education Practicum (22)
ECE 4899 Issues in Early Child Ed Cap (2)

Other requirements for the degree

In addition to the major, the degree requires completion of any remaining general education and University requirements, and at least 180 college-level credits total, including 60 upper-division (UD) credits.

All students must complete the University Foundations requirement at SPU – even those who have completed the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Associate Degree.

Students admitted with fewer than 90 credits (freshmen and sophomores) complete 15 credits:

- UFDN 1000 The Christian Faith (5)
- UFDN 2000 Christian Scriptures (5)
- UFDN 3000 Christian Theology (5)

Students admitted with 90 credits or more (juniors and seniors) complete 10 credits:

- UFDN 3001 Christian Scriptures (5)
- UFDN 3000 Christian Theology (5)

Suggested course plan for your junior and senior years at SPU

Assumes junior standing at entrance, and successful completion of PSYC& 100; EDUC& 115; ECED& 105, 120, 160, 180, and 190; and ECE 120 and 130, prior to transfer.

Junior Year			
Autumn	Winter	Spring	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT 1560 (4) -- or take this in winter. • ECE 3100 (3) • EDRD 3516 (3) • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT 1560 (4) -- if not taken in autumn. • ECE 3200 (5) • ECE 3400 (3) • + credits to total 15 – 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCS 3280 (5) • + 10 – 13 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The major will fulfill WKSS, CUE, and W requirements. Be sure to fulfill Foreign Language, Common Curriculum (UCOL, WRI, UCOR and UFDN), and remaining Exploratory Curriculum Requirements (WE, WKA, WKH, WKFS, WKAS, and WKQR).
Any Quarter Offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHP 1301 (5) and EDU 2300 (3). • UFDN, general education, and University requirements. 			
Senior Year			
Autumn	Winter	Spring	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDU 3205 (3) • HHP 3510 (5) • ECE 4300 (3) • ECE 4700 (2) • EDU 4930 (2) • + 0 – 3 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDU 4200 (2) • ECE 4750 (3) • EDU 4930 (10) • + 0 – 3 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDU 4930 (10) • ECE 4899 (2) • + 3 – 6 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional credits are required for students pursuing a P-3 Certification. Consult with an advisor in the School of Education.
Any Quarter Offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining UFDN, general education, and University requirements. 			