

Master of Arts in Education: Pre-School-3

The Master of Arts in Education in Teaching Program in Pre-School through Grade 3 is a 36 credit program which is designed for individuals seeking to become teachers at the pre-school through third grade levels. The program's course sequence enables individuals to gain knowledge in developmentally appropriate practices for teachers of young children. It will lead to a master's degree as well as eligibility for initial certification in P-3.

Foundation Courses (9 Credits)

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| GE-501 | Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Early Childhood | 3 |
| GE-503 | Psychological Foundations of Early Childhood Learners | 3 |
| GE-508 | Research in Early Childhood Education | 3 |

Required Courses (15 Credits)

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| GE-526 | Fundamentals of Speech | 3 |
| GE-541 | Fundamentals of Methodology, Curriculum and Assessment: Early Childhood Classroom | 3 |
| GE-570 | Foundations of Reading Curriculum Design and Development | 3 |
| GE-617 | Assisting Students with Special Needs in the General Education Classroom | 3 |
| GE-654 | Strategies for Home, School and Community Relationships | 3 |

Clinical Practice (12 Credits)

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| GE-550 | Clinical Practice I: Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom Setting (175 hours) | 4 |
| GE-551 | Clinical Practice II: Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom Setting (450 hours) | 8 |

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| Total Credits | | 36 |
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The Pre-School-3 graduate endorsement program is a program for certified teachers who have a standard teaching endorsement in another teaching area or who hold a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility (CE) Pre-school through Grade 3 (P-3). The program's course sequence enables individuals to gain knowledge in developmentally appropriate practices for teachers of young children.

Required Courses (12 Credits)

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| GE-506 | Child and Adolescent Psychology | 3 |
| GE-517 | Principles of Curriculum Development in Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| GE-556 | Integrating Technology into the Early Childhood Classroom | 3 |
| GE-620 | Effective Classroom Management and Behavior Intervention in the Early Childhood Classroom | 3 |

P-3 Endorsement Requirements (24 Credits)

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