**Objectives**

Upon completion of this program the student will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of advanced strategies in content related to Early Childhood/Elementary curriculum.
2. Effectively implement developmentally appropriate instruction and assessment in the Early Childhood/Elementary educational setting.
3. Demonstrate the ability to create and evaluate positive, productive classroom environments utilizing formal and informal settings and appropriate classroom management strategies.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of professional roles and responsibilities.
5. Demonstrate an advanced understanding for differentiated instruction and teaching students of diverse cultures.
6. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully complete state educator certification requirements.

**Prerequisites**

HDV 2123 Child and Adolescent Growth and Development  
PSY 3353 Psychology of Education  
RDG 3123 Literacy Instruction I  
**EDF 3363 Christian Philosophy of School Education (for ACSI certification only)**
Graduation Requirement

Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations prior to being approved for graduation from the Registrar’s office. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate Studies Office and the Registrar’s Office for more information.

Teaching Certificate

Students who are seeking state certification need to contact the Certification Officer for more information.