

# Early Childhood Education

## Program Type

Minor

Educating young children for the liberal arts has been a tradition at Hillsdale College for 90 years. Mary Proctor Randall Preschool, an award-winning facility, sits at the heart of campus. Within the Preschool, students can pursue educational experiences and interact with young children in a laboratory setting. Seeking to benefit both its young pupils and college students, Mary Randall Preschool represents a rich blend of educational heritage and innovation.

Early Childhood Education begins at birth and continues through age eight (normally, third grade). Coursework within this minor develops an understanding of teaching in preschool through the early elementary grades and provides a thorough acquaintance with the curriculum used therein. Students who minor in Early Childhood Education have an opportunity to complete this course and the ECE minor with a semester of preschool teaching at Mary Randall Preschool, a semester-long K-3 elementary classroom assignment, or a combination of the two. Such preparation gives students a clear career-path advantage in today's competitive marketplace. A student wishing to minor in Early Childhood Education must complete 18 credit hours, as outlined below.

## Required Courses

Course Code	Title	Hours
EDU 106	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	1
EDU 206	Child Development and Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 306	History and Philosophy of Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 406	Pedagogy, Curriculum, and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 416	Early Childhood Education Teacher Apprenticeship	2-6
Sub-Total Credits		12-16

## Electives

Any courses other than those listed below must be approved by the Chairman of the Education Department.

Education Department:

Course Code	Title	Hours
EDU 101	English Grammar	3
EDU 393	Topics in Education	1-3
EDU 402	Master Teachers in the Western Tradition	3
EDU 403	Explicit Phonics Reading Instruction	3
EDU 404	Classic Children's Literature	3
EDU 506	Early Childhood Directed Teaching	7

Other Departments:

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
MTH 458	Teaching Elementary Mathematics	1
CLS 393	Topics in Classical Studies	1-3
	FRN/GRM/SPN 465	1
MUS 417	The Teaching of Music in the Classroom	3
SSD 320	Methods of Teaching Physical Education	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>