



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

School of Education

For a career that
will broaden your
perspective, touch your
heart and, quite possibly,
stain your shirt.



Early Childhood Education Bachelor of Applied Science

Study the inner workings of the most complicated machine ever made.



Teaching children is as rewarding as it is fascinating. In every sense, it is the quintessential growth profession. And with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education from University of Houston–Clear Lake, you'll be equipped to be a leader in your profession.

Broadly speaking, our degree is designed to meet the increasing need for qualified directors and teachers to work in early childhood programs outside of the public-school environment. For admission, you need an associate's degree in an early childhood discipline from an accredited institution. Or, you can complete a minimum of 54 course hours, with a minimum of 18 hours in early childhood coursework and have a 2.0 GPA.

■ Choose a path to a fulfilling career.

Program coursework focuses on children from birth through age five and offers three specializations:

- Educator of Young Children
- Young Children with Disabilities — based on the Council for Exceptional Children Division of Early Childhood and the requirements for Early Childhood Intervention programs
- Early Childhood Leadership



Several courses cover children's learning up through the primary grades to meet the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Teacher Education Accreditation requirements. If you're looking for EC-6 certification, you can earn up to 70 of the 127 hours required for the degree and teacher.

■ Comprehensive? You better believe it!

Course content includes teaching diverse learners, curriculum and assessment, instructional strategies, child development, family and community relations, and leadership skills. You'll learn through first-hand, field-based experience in a robust curriculum based on NAEYC standards for teacher education programs and the EC-6 TExES teacher education standards.

■ Demand that's growing. Growing. Growing.

More than ever, working parents with diverse families are insisting on quality, pre-K education programs with qualified teachers led by well-prepared directors. According to the Gulf Coast Regional Employment Database, hiring in this sector is **projected to grow by 41.8 percent** between 2004 and 2014.

Additionally, many programs increased the educational prerequisites for their teachers and directors. By 2013, Head Start will require that at least 50 percent of their teachers and all of their education coordinators have at least a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.



NAEYC-accredited centers, which represent the highest standard of excellence for educating young children, have incrementally mandated the same requirement for their teachers and child care directors. Knowing the increasing demand for qualified teachers and directors, some child care centers even offer tuition benefits. At UHCL, our program is designed to fully prepare you for a rewarding career. And we'll help you leverage every advantage along the way.

■ Like PB&J.

UHCL designed this program to fit your life. If you're a non-traditional student, a working adult or currently employed in an early childhood program, we offer many after-work and evening classes. And we designed our degree plans to accommodate the local community college's AAS programs, insuring you a smooth transfer with few lost hours.

At UHCL, you'll make all the right connections. For more information, call an enrollment management counselor or a transfer academic adviser at 281-283-2500.

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