

Elementary and Early Childhood Education

University of Central Missouri



TOP 10 REASONS to CHOOSE RED For EDUCATION

10. You get to be a Mule! (or a Jenny)
9. The friendly campus squirrels
8. Beautiful and friendly campus
7. Big enough to have great resources, small enough to make sure you are an individual
6. The faculty have incredible background experience to share.

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5. Extremely and consistently high job placement rate
4. Opportunities to travel abroad
3. Participation in a close-knit learning community
2. More time in classrooms (prior to student teaching) than any program in the State
1. The best Education programs in MO!

ECEL Major Options

- Early Childhood Education
 - Birth-Grade 3, B.S. in Education Degree
- Elementary Education
 - Grade 1-Grade 6, B.S. in Education Degree

Minors* to add-on certification

For Elementary 1-6 majors:

- Early Childhood Education b-gr 3
- Special Education cross-cat k-12
- Middle School [Math, English, SS, or Science]

For Early Childhood birth-gr 3 majors:

- Elementary Education gr 1-6
- Early Childhood Special Education birth-gr 3

***minors are completely optional, NOT required**

After you have decided your major and whether you want a minor for an additional certification...

You must choose the pathway you want to take classes through before your junior level classes begin!

Pathways to Certification

Traditional Pathway

- Free standing 2 and 3 hour methods classes
- limited practicum jr year
- Flexible Schedule
- Senior year - Senior block + full-time student teaching
- Open request for preferred student teaching location

Clinical Pathway

- Integrated Methods courses in blocks
- Each block is completely field embedded
- Fixed Schedule
- Senior year - Full year experience in the same school with one semester full time student teaching
- Request from a specific list of primary partner districts

Admission to Teacher Education

- Complete **36** hours of college credit with a cumulative GPA of at least **2.75** and professional education GPA of at least **3.0**
- Complete specific courses with a "**C**" or higher
- Pass **all** sections of the MO General Education Assessment (**MoGEA**)
- Complete a **satisfactory** background check
- Get departmental recommendation

Study Abroad

- If you wish to study abroad, you must plan to do so early in your college career. ECEL majors are professional licensure programs for Missouri and you will not be able to take any courses abroad that count for MO certification requirements.
- Study abroad is about the EXPERIENCE, not just the coursework.
- Short-term study tours are also available (like our spring break trip to Sweden)

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