The Purpose of the Bachelor of Science Program in Early Childhood Education at Georgia State University is to prepare instructional personnel who will be qualified to direct the education of young children from pre-school through elementary grades. The theme of this program is to develop teachers as facilitators of learning. Coursework, extensive field experience, and collaboration among school and university faculty combine to develop a program that supports the professional growth of the novice educator.

**Program of Study**

**Semester 1**
- ECE 3021 Child Development (3)
- ECE 3255 ESOL Cultural Foundations-CTW (3)
- ECE 3600 Emergent Literacy & Language Acquisition (3)
- ECE 3603 Mathematics Methods in Elementary Education: Primary Grades (3)
- **ECE 3661 Classroom Management in ECE & Field Experience I (3)**
- EXC 4010 Characteristics of Students with Disabilities (3)

**Semester 2**
- ECE 3400 Reading Methods in Elementary Education (3)
- ECE 3602 Digital Composing as Literacy Learning (3)
- EXC 4560 Assessment of Exceptional Children (3)
- EXC 4580 Instructional Methods for Students with Behavior/ Learning Disabilities (3)
- **ECE 3662 Classroom Management in ECE & Field Experience II (3)**
- *MATH 3050 Geometry & Spatial Sense (3)*

**Summer Semester (following Block I and/or Block II):**
- AE/MUS 2300 Art and Music (3)
- *MATH 3090 Algebraic Concepts (3)*

**Semester 3**
- ECE 3390 Teacher as Responsible Practitioner in the 21st Century–CTW (3)
- ECE 3604 Mathematics Methods in Elementary Education: Upper Grades (3)
- ECE 3605 Social Studies Methods in ECE (3)
- ECE 3606 Science and Inquiry in ECE (3)
- **EXC 4570 Individual and Classroom Management (3)**

**Semester 4**
- ECE 4650 Opening School Experience (0) - 2-weeks
  (Fall semester offering; Semester 3 or 4)
- **ECE 4661 Student Teaching (9)**
- **EXC 4671 Partnerships and Practicum (3)**

Dual Certification Program Track: 129 Total Credit Hours
*6 hours of upper division MATH courses as recommended
**Indicates field/clinical experience with a focus on strategies for inclusive classrooms.
The following information provides a basic overview of the Bachelor of Science in Education Program in the Department of Early Childhood Education. Successful completion of this program leads to recommendation for Georgia Teacher Certification in Early Childhood Education grades P-5 and Special Education General Curriculum grades P-12.

Program Features
- Integrated program coursework and field internships
- Curriculum and field placements organized developmentally across the program—grades P-12
- Variety of field placements in metro area Professional Development Schools (PDS)
- Observation and teaching experiences in Pre-K through fifth grade and special education sixth through twelfth-grade classrooms
- New cohort of learners beginning every Fall semester
- Intensive support and supervision throughout the program
- Dual Certification in Early Childhood Education (P-5) and Special Education General Curriculum (P-12)

Internships
- Offer field experiences in Atlanta Metro Professional Development Partnership Schools (PDS) in diverse P-12 classrooms
- Rotate across grade levels:
  - Semester 1: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grade 1
  - Semester 2: Primary Methods: Grades 2/3, and Special Education—middle/high school
  - Semester 3: Elementary Methods: Grades 4/5 and Special Education—middle/high school
  - Semester 4: Opening School Experience & Student Teaching (K-5)
- Are assigned by the ECE Program Coordinator
- Require personal transportation and travel time

Admission Requirements
- Successful completion of Areas A-F of the university core curriculum. A grade of “C” or higher required in the Essential Skills area of core
- Successful completion of Area F requirements for ECE majors with grades of “C” or better
- Application for admission (available online) submitted by June 17th for Fall Semester or October 27th for Spring Semester
- A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.75
- A passing score on the GACE Program Admissions Test
- The current options for satisfying the GACE Program Admissions Test, including the exemptions, are outlined at: http://www.gapsc.com/
- Participation in an information session. A writing sample is required at the time of the information session. (Please be advised that participating in the information session and completion of a writing sample does not guarantee admission to the BSE program.)
- Criminal background investigation and proof of Tort Liability insurance

Math Requirements
BSE students are required to successfully complete twelve semester hours of math courses of which six hours are upper-division courses (MATH 3050 and MATH 3090).

Certification-GACE Content Assessments:
- Early Childhood Education Tests: 001, 002
- Special Education Tests: 081, 082
Program faculty include GSU content instructors, GSU field supervisors, University Coordinators, school-based instructors, and clinical teachers.

Additional information describing the BSE program and requirements is contained in the BSE Program Manual located on the ECE website at http://ece.education.gsu.edu/

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