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.

**Bachelor of Science in Education**

**Traditional ESOL Program**

**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)
- AE/MUS 2300 Art and Music (3)

**Semester 2**
- ECE 3400 Reading Methods in Elementary Education (3)
- ECE 3602 Digital Composing as Literacy Learning (3)
- ECE 3440 ESOL: Curriculum and Instruction (3)
- ECE 3360 Assessment of Classroom Learning in ECE (3)
- ECE 3662 Classroom Management in ECE & Field Experience II (3)
- *MATH 3050 Geometry & Spatial Sense (3)

**Summer Session (following Block 1 and/or Block 2)**
- EXC 4020 Characteristics & Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities (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)
- ECE 3663 Classroom Management in ECE & Field Experience III (3)

**Semester 4**
- ECE 4650 Opening School Experience (0) - 2-weeks (Fall semester offering; Semester 3 or 4)
- ECE 4662 Student Teaching (12)

*6 hours upper division MATH courses as recommended

**Words from a program graduate:**

*When I met my mentor teacher, she asked me what school I went to. I told her that I went to GSU, and without missing a beat she replied, “Oh, good. So you know how to do your job.*
**ESOL Endorsement**

The English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement qualifies an individual to teach English to speakers of other languages in public schools in Georgia in their base certificate. BSE teacher education students pursue the endorsement while they complete their regular degree program in Early Childhood Education.

**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

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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**Touch a Life: Become a Teacher**

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**Program Features**

- Integrated program coursework and field internships
- Curriculum and field placements organized developmentally across the program—grades P-5 and ESOL
- Variety of field placements in metro area Professional Development Schools (PDS)
- Observation and teaching experiences in Pre-K through fifth-grade classrooms and ESOL
- New cohort of learners beginning each semester (Fall and Spring)
- Intensive support and supervision throughout the program
- English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement
- Study abroad opportunities

**Internships**

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

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