

MINOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The 15-hour Minor in Early Childhood Education (ECE) in the School of Education will provide students the fundamental theories, concepts, and practices in working with young children. This minor will provide students a rich learning experience regarding early childhood issues including literacy development, parent engagement, and curriculum. Courses may be especially attractive to majors in psychology and sociology who may want to work with CPS, Child Care Licensing or other agencies related to children and families. Choose from any of the following courses for completing the minor. There are no prerequisites in enrolling in any of the following courses.

SOE Requirements	UHCL Course Title	TCCNS*	CODE
Required Courses (15 hours):	ECED 4303 Child Guidance and Classroom Management for Young Children ECED 4305 Literacy Development Birth-Age 5 ECED 4307 Math and Science for Young Children ECED 4308 Creativity in Early Childhood ECED 4309 Advocacy and Parent Engagement ECED 4320 Play ECED 4321 Infants and Toddlers ECED 4322 Cultural Awareness for Young Children ECED 4323 Preschool Curriculum ECED 4324 Early Childhood Leadership and Program Quality ECED 4325 Early Childhood Program Development		

General Minor Requirements

- Students must complete at least a minimum of 15 hours in the minor field.
 - At least 9 must be at the upper level (3000- and 4000-level classes).
 - At least 6 of the upper-level credits must be taken at UHCL.
- Students must declare the minor before completing 90 hours towards their degree plan.
- Students must earn a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses in the minor at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. (GPA requirement may be higher in some minors.)

Some minors are associated with disciplinary programs, and some are interdisciplinary. Although the minor will not appear on your diploma, it will be noted on your transcript, which would be seen by future employers and others who review your academic record.

Keep in mind that because minors will require no fewer than 15 semester hours of course work, excluding prerequisite courses, **you must have 15 hours of electives available in your major degree plan.** Course substitutions to the minor degree plan may be made with the approval of both the major and minor advisors. Also, adding a minor to your program of study may not result in graduation requirements that exceed the approved length of your original degree plan and that the minor must be completed prior to graduation, not afterwards.

For more information, see the general and program requirements in the *Undergraduate Catalog*. For questions and academic advice, please contact the faculty member listed for each minor.