

Early Childhood Education Add-On Certification Policy University of South Carolina-Columbia

Policies and procedures regarding the addition of a teaching certification area to the initial certification area are determined **solely by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)**. The SCDE determines the specific course work and test(s) necessary to add a certification. The SCDE regulations – course work, test requirements, etc. – regarding add-on certification may be found at <http://www.scteachers.org/cert/addlcert.cfm>.

Students may choose to take courses required for add-on certification at the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Some students choose to work toward an add-on certification while completing their initial certification program. Course requirements are listed in general terms in the Certification Manual to accommodate all state institutions. **It is strongly recommended that students ask the SCDE to confirm that they will accept a specific USC-Columbia course(s) for add-on purposes, as changes may occur without prior notification.**

Adding-on Early Childhood Certification (grades Pk-3)

The following table lists **USC-Columbia** courses which the SCDE accepted **July 20, 2010** to fulfill the academic course requirements for adding-on Early Childhood certification. Upon request, the SCDE will evaluate other course work to determine if it will fulfill these academic requirements.

SCDE Course Requirements	Credit Hours Required	USC-Columbia Courses-- RECOMMENDED
The Behavior and Development of the Young Child	3 credit hours	EDEC 740
Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours	EDEC 742 or EDEC 546
Methods and Materials for Early Childhood	3 credit hours	EDEC 750
Practicum in Early Childhood Education	3 credit hours	EDEC 570
Teaching Reading at the Elementary Level OR Emergent Literacy	3 credit hours	EDRD 600 or EDEC 744 or EDEC 745
And Content Courses in <u>ALL</u> of the following areas:		
Math	3 credit hours	Any MATH course
Science	3 credit hours	Any ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, MSCI, or PHYS course
Social Studies	3 credit hours	Any AFRO, ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLI, PSYC, RELG, SOCY, or WGST course
Early Childhood Education Total	24 credit hours	

USC-Columbia Courses, Titles, and Credit Hours—RECOMMENDED

Early Childhood (EDEC) courses:

EDEC 546 – Education of Young Children: An Ecological Approach. (3)

EDEC 570 – Internship in Environments for Teaching and Learning. (3)

EDEC 740 – The Young Child: Applying Theory and Research. (3)

EDEC 742 – Advanced Study of Early Childhood Curricula and Program Models. (3)

EDEC 744 – Advanced Study of Language Development and Communication Skills in Early Childhood Education. (3)

EDEC 745 – Emergent Literacy. (3)

EDEC 750 – Play Theory and Early Learning. (3)

Reading (EDRD) course:

EDRD 600 – Foundations of Reading Instruction. (3)

Candidates who wish to enroll in these courses via the USC Graduate School Non-Degree-Enrollment Privilege, must visit the USC Graduate School website at <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/>.

Candidates who wish to apply for a graduate degree program in the College of Education, must visit our website for “Prospective Students” at http://www.ed.sc.edu/SA/prospective_students.asp and our “How to Apply” website at <http://www.ed.sc.edu/SA/apply.asp>.