

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

The **BSED in Birth Through Five (B-5)** prepares teachers and other early care and education professionals to work in varied settings with young children and their families.

Candidates receive coursework and coaching in appropriate practices for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Pre-K and Kindergarten age children.

This program provides a comprehensive approach to addressing the educational, social, medical, and health needs of young children and families in diverse settings.

Teachers can use their own classrooms for field-based experiences, if approved. Additional placements may be needed for requirements to work with children of different ages or those with disabilities.



Successful completion of this program will lead to the following:

- A Baccalaureate Degree along with recommendation for Birth Through Five (B-5) teacher certification
- Endorsement in Pre-School Special Education

Admissions Requirements for the B-5 Major

- Successful completion of the university core curriculum (60 semester hours)
- A grade of “C” or higher in the Essential Skills area of the university core curriculum (Math and English)
- Successful completion of Area F requirements for B-5 majors with grades of “C” or better
- Successful completion of the Regent’s Test
- A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 upon completion of the university core curriculum
- A passing score on GACE Basic Skills Assessment
- An interview with Early Childhood Education faculty. A writing sample is also required at the time of interview.
*(Please note: Participation in the interview and completing a writing sample does **not** guarantee admission to the BSE-Birth Through Five program.)*
- A criminal background check and professional liability insurance

Application Deadlines

	Deadlines
Fall Semester	June 1
Spring Semester	October 1
Summer Semester	April 1

Application for admission online:
<http://www.gsu.edu/admissions/>

B-5 Program of Study (60 hrs)

AREA 1. Foundational Courses (15 hrs)

- Introduction to Exceptionalities (3)
- Professional and Ethical Practices (3)
- Child Guidance Birth—Five (3)
- Introduction to Administration and Organization of Programs for Young Children (3)
- Environmental and Medical Issues for Children Birth to Five (3)

AREA 2. Curriculum Courses (25 hrs)

- Language, Literacy and Cognition (3)
- Family and Community Relationships (3)
- Observation and Assessment of Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers (3)
- Methods for Infants & Toddlers (4)
- Methods for Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities (4)
- Methods for Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Children (4)
- Methods for Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Children with Disabilities (4)

AREA 3. Clinical/Field Experience Course (9-12 hrs)

- Student Teaching/Internship (9-12)

AREA 4: Electives (8-11 hrs)

- Technology Competency (0-3)
- Institutional Choice
- Paraprofessional
- Infant-Toddler
- Exceptionalities

Career Opportunities

Birth Through Five program graduates may work in some of the following careers:

- Certified Pre-Kindergarten teacher
- Certified Kindergarten classroom teacher
- Child Care teacher
- Early Childhood Program Director
- Family Day Care provider
- Head Start program professional
- Home Visitor program specialist
- Hospital-based Early Education specialist
- Early Intervention specialist
- Early Care and Education agency professional
- Child Care Center Owner-Operator



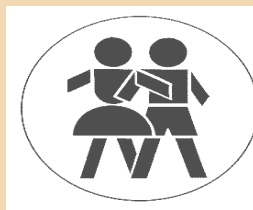
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Please visit us on the web at:
<http://education.gsu.edu/ece/birththroughfive.htm>

Birth Through Five (B-5) Education Program Features

- **Articulation or transfer agreements** with technical and 2 year colleges
- **Evening and online** courses
- Courses offered **fall, spring, and summer** terms
- Opportunities to complete field experiences and **internships in work-based settings**, as approved
- **Comprehensive** license includes infant, toddler, preschool, pre-k and kindergarten
- Extensive coursework and experience with **children with special needs** and their families
- **Collaboration** with experts in special education, nursing, physical therapy, counseling and other fields who work with families in diverse settings
- **Intensive support** and mentoring throughout the program

For more information please refer to the Birth Through Five (B-5) program manual at <http://education.gsu.edu/ece/birththroughfive.htm>



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Birth Through Five (B-5) Teacher Education

