



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSITY CITY CAMPUS

MASTER OF EDUCATION

IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PREK-4

Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Early Childhood Education PreK-4 Program offers:

- ✓ A program of study that utilizes a hybrid method of delivery. It follows a 7-1-7 model with the opportunity to take 2 courses every 7 weeks each semester.
 - ✓ A sequence of course delivery as specified in the course listing.
 - ✓ The opportunity to transfer up to 6 credit hours.
 - ✓ The opportunity to complete the 12-course program (**plus Student Teaching**) in 4 semesters.
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Program Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate CGPA of **3.0 or higher** on a 4.0 grading scale to matriculate.
 - Undergraduate CGPA of **2.75-2.99 for provisional admission**. Applications are reviewed on an individual basis. Candidates must then earn a 3.0 or higher during the first 12 credits to be considered for full admission.
 - Basic Graduate Application: http://www.lincoln.edu/admissions/application_grad2.htm
 - Two Letters of Recommendation from colleagues or supervisors who can address the candidate's ability and motivation
 - One Letter of Professional Reference from a recent employer/supervisor that addresses the candidate's moral conduct and character
 - Professional Résumé
 - On-site Personal Statement (**250 words**) that speaks to the candidate's motivation to work in the chosen field
 - Official Academic Transcript/s (**Waived for Lincoln Alumni**)
 - Application fee - \$50.00 (**Waived for Lincoln Alumni**)
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M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education Program requires:

- Students to pass 1 of 3 ECE PECT Modules at the PDE cut score or qualifying score (**based on GPA**) before enrolling in Student Teaching, EDU 501 or EDU 503.
- Students to submit 5 clearance documents. See detailed information below.

PDE Requirement for Clearances:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires all personnel who come in contact with children in school settings, including student teachers and education program participants, to have appropriate clearances for the protection of children. All graduate education students will participate in school-based field experiences which are required in 11 of 12 program courses. Therefore, all graduate students in education programs must obtain the following 5 clearances, which must be current within one year:

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Record. Request online <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. Request online through the PDE website. (**It will take 10-14 days to receive the report in the mail**)
- FBI - Federal Criminal History Record (**Fingerprinting sites are available including some UPS stores**. It takes about 10 days to receive the record.)
- Form PDE 6004 - a form developed by PDE to report prior arrests or convictions for any offense listed in Act 24, Section III(e) of the School Code. Specific offenses are identified on page 3 of Form PDE 6004. Available from the Office of Student Services.
- Tuberculosis (TB) test results