

Early Childhood Education

- √ Major
- √ Grades PreK-3

Description of the major:

Early childhood education is a specifically designed program of study that meets educational requirements for South Carolina licensure in grades PreK-3. Students pursuing this program of study become involved in a broad range of learning experiences. Study in the core areas of English, math, science and social studies, as well as art, music and physical education, prepares students for what they will be expected to teach in the public schools. These studies, along with instruction in child growth and development, teaching methodology, curriculum and relevant off-campus clinical experiences, offer students a program rich in opportunities and professional growth. The Spadoni College of Education is nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the South Carolina Board of Education.

The student experience:

- Students who earn a degree from CCU and South Carolina licensure are eligible for reciprocal licensure in every other state.
- The program includes extensive clinical experiences in area schools, beginning in the first semester of study in education and continuing through the internship experience at the end of the program. Clinical field work begins with a focus on guided observation experiences, followed by expectations for individual, small group and whole-class instruction.

- CCU offers two student organizations for education majors: the South Carolina Education Association Club (SCEA) and the national education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi (KDP).

Admission to the program:

All students enter the program as pre-majors. Candidates may complete a formal application for admission to the professional program in teacher education (PSTE) when they have met the following requirements:

- Earn 60 hours of college-level coursework.
- Earn at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
- Earn a C or better in ENGL 101, ENGL 102; EDUC 111, EDUC 204, EDUC 215, EDUC 276; MATH 201 and MATH 202; eight hours of sciences, and five to six hours of a foreign language.
- Earn passing scores on all three areas of Praxis I or qualify for the exemption policy.
- Successfully clear a criminal background check.
- Complete a professional behavior and dispositions self-evaluation (submitted in LiveText).
- Be approved by the Portal I Faculty Committee review process.

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