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Master of Arts in Education/ Early Childhood Studies Program Degree

The Early Childhood Education program at Saint Xavier University has designed a non-licensure graduate program that allows students to earn a Master of Arts in Early Childhood Studies, *without* earning a Professional Educator License for Early Childhood Education. The program involves coursework in the following areas:

1.	Child Development
2.	Study of Exceptionalities
3.	Early Childhood Education Philosophy
4.	Reading
5.	Children, Families and Communities
6.	Assessment
7.	Pre-Primary Educational Methods and Curriculum
8.	Primary Educational Methods and Curriculum
11.	Educational Foundations
12.	Educational Research Design & Development
14.	Language Disorders and Instruction in Diverse Classrooms

Requirements:

Courses are offered in face-to-face and online formats. Students must meet admission criteria and maintain a required GPA. They must also complete a Criminal Background Investigation. They are required to commit to either the licensure or non-licensure track in the Early Childhood program after they have enrolled in no more than 6 credit hours of coursework. The program typically requires 7 semesters of coursework.

In addition to completing required coursework, students must create and maintain an electronic portfolio. Students must earn positive evaluations on assessments of their professional dispositions, as well.

Field Experiences:

Students are required to participate in field experiences in courses. Field experience placements for the non-licensure Master’s program typically occur in private early childhood settings (birth to third grade).

Program Completion:

The estimated time for program completion is approximately 2.5 years.