

**BEACON PROGRAM CHECKLIST
EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION
(Birth – Grade 3)**



Education department

GENERAL EDUCATION

38 – 47 hrs

The general education component is to be completed according to Columbia College degree requirements. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

The following courses are highly recommended in order to pass each section of the MoGEA (Missouri General Education Assessment):

MATH 150 – College Algebra

MUSI 122 – Music Appreciation or ARTS 105 – Art Appreciation or ARTS 111 – Art and Ideas I or ARTS 112 – Art and Ideas II

PSYC 101 – General Psychology

ECON 293 – Macroeconomics

GEOG 101 – Intro to Geography

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE

37 – 51 hrs

It is recommended that students seeking this certification choose a major that has similar course requirements in the degree. Your academic advisor can help you with your choice of major.

Students must complete the degree requirements as set forth by Columbia College. Hours required for completion will vary depending on area chosen. (Please refer to your entrance year catalog for specific degree requirements.)

*Please note: certification will be Elementary Education, not content area certification

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

87 hrs

| Grade | Course # | Course Title | Cr Hrs | Field Experience (observation hrs) included |
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| | SOCI 270 | Diversity and Society | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 100 | Introduction to Education (formerly EDUC 102/103) | 3 | 15 hrs |
| | CDEV 106 | Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 200 | Law, Ethics, and Education | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 220 | Methods of Teaching English Learners | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 230 | Educational Psychology | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 280 | Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy | 3 | n/a |
| | CDEV 290 | Infants and Toddlers | 3 | n/a |
| | CDEV 291 | Early and Middle Childhood | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 300 | Techniques of Teaching | 3 | 15 hrs |
| | EDUC 311 | Classroom Management Techniques | 3 | 15 hrs |
| | EDUC 390 | Education & Psychology of the Exceptional Child | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 392 | Adolescent Psychology | 3 | n/a |
| <i>Admission to the Teacher Certification Program (See Teacher Certification Program Checklist)</i> | | | | |
| | CDEV 312 | Integrated Curriculum for Children | 3 | n/a |
| | CDEV 314 | Motor Development and Play | 3 | n/a |
| | CDEV 316 | Engaging Families as Educational Partners | 3 | n/a |

[The College reserves the right to alter at any time requirements to meet state certification regulations.]

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| | CDEV 318 | Community Partnerships to Support Whole Child Development | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 321 | Teaching Reading and Language Arts to Young Children | 3 | 15 hrs |
| | CDEV 324 | Observation and Assessment of Young Children | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 328 | The Early Childhood Educational Environment | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 331 | Teaching of Reading | 3 | 15 hrs |
| | EDUC 335 | Teaching Creative Arts and Movement to Children | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 353 | Administration of Early Childhood Programs | 3 | n/a |
| | EDUC 355 | Teaching Math and Science to Young Children | 3 | 15 hrs |
| | EDUC 400 | Senior Seminar | 3 | n/a |
| <i>Approval for Student Teaching (See Student Teaching Checklist)</i> | | | | |
| | EDUC 425 | Undergraduate Student Teaching | 12 | 16 weeks |
| | | Total Credit Hours | 87 | |
| <i>Approval for DESE certification recommendation (See DESE Certification checklist)</i> | | | | |

Retention Criteria:

- Complete at least 6 hours of professional education each year
- Complete Field Experiences and receive favorable evaluations from cooperating teachers and college supervisors
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in professional education courses and content area courses

*This is not a degree checklist
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