



## Master of Arts in Teaching Early Childhood Education S.C. Grades K-3

Website: <http://www.converse.edu>

TED Page: <https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337>

Name:

Date:

The State Department of Education (SCDOE) may make changes to certification requirements. Candidates need to meet with their education advisor regularly and become familiar with the SCDOE website: <https://ed.sc.gov>

### Benchmark 1: Admission to Graduate Program at Converse University Required

Date:

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites/Notes	Field Hours	Grade
EDU 560	Introduction to Education	3	Must be first education course		
PSY 580	Human Growth and Development	3	Must be one of first courses taken		
SED 500	Introduction to Exceptional Learners	3	Prerequisite to all SED courses		
EDU 523	Behavior and Development of the Young Child	3			
EDU 533	Literature for the Child	3			
EDU 537	Methods and Materials for ECE	3	Possible Corequisite for EDU 500b		
EDU 507	Reading/Language Arts in the ECE Classroom	3	Prerequisites EDU 533, EDU 560, and all background/medical requirements Corequisite EDU 500.02a		
EDU 500.02a	Clinical I: Reading ECE	1	Corequisite EDU 507	50	P/F
HPE 593	Health/PE for the Elementary Teacher	3			

Candidates must earn a "C" or better in courses shaded in blue for the Read to Succeed Endorsement.

### Apply to the Teacher Education Program

- Complete EDU 560 and all background/medical requirements
- Complete (or be taking) EDU 507 and EDU 500.02a
- Complete the Converse University Application for Admission to the Teacher Education Program ([https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337/assignments/27976?module\\_item\\_id=75367](https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337/assignments/27976?module_item_id=75367))

### Benchmark 2: Admission to the Teacher Education Program Required

Date:

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Field Hours	Grade
EDU 500b	Clinical II: Early Childhood	3	Prerequisite 500.02a. Possible Corequisite for EDU 535 or EDU 537	50	P/F
EDU 503	Math for the Child	3			
EDU 535	Curriculum for Early Childhood	3	Prerequisite EDU 523 and EDU 537 Possible Corequisite for EDU 500b		

**Benchmark 3: Admission to Student Teaching**

Date Cleared:

**Apply to Student Teach**

- Complete the State Department Application to Student Teach (<https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/student-teaching/>)  
Deadlines: Students who plan to student teach in the fall must submit the Application to the state by February 15  
Students who plan to student teach in the spring must submit the Application to the state by June 15
- Complete the Converse University Request for Student Teaching Placement form ([https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337/files/431593?module\\_item\\_id=134824](https://converse.instructure.com/courses/3337/files/431593?module_item_id=134824))  
Deadlines: Students who plan to student teach in the fall must submit the Application to Dr. Park by February 15  
Students who plan to student teach in the spring must submit the Application to Dr. Park by June 15
- Complete 100 clinical hours before student teaching

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites/Notes	Field Hours	Grade
SED 512b	Directed Student Teaching: Early Childhood	9		60 Full Days	P/F

Student Teaching Placement Information	Grade	School Name	Cooperating Teacher Name

**Benchmark 4: Program Completion/Recommendation for Certification**

Complete a minimum of 43 graduate credit hours

Take the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood

Score:

Take the Praxis II: Education of Young Children

Score:

Complete an approved program for certification in the primary area of Early Childhood Education

Maintain an overall 3.0 GPA

Licensure recommendation for Early Childhood Education contingent on

- Passing the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood
- Passing the Praxis II: Education of Young Children
- Completing coursework listed:

Advisor:	Date:
Director of Teacher Education:	Date:

**Optional Add-on Certifications**

Candidates must complete all coursework listed with a “C” or better and pass the appropriate Praxis II exam.

Elementary Add-on		Learning Disabilities Add-on	
Required Courses	Grade	Required Courses	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 314: Science for the Child		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 595: Characteristics of LD	
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 315: Social Studies for the Child		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 596: Methods and Procedures for LD	
<b>Choose TWO of the Courses Below</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 576: Assessment of Exceptional Learners	
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 501: Reading/LA Elementary Classroom		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 505: Behavior Management	
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 536: Language Arts: Integrating Intermediate Reading and Writing		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 582b: Clinical II: Practicum in LD	
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 578: Reading and Learning Strategies			
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 572: Diagnostics and Methods in the Elementary Classroom			
Emotional Disabilities Add-on		Intellectual Disabilities Add-on	
Required Courses	Grade	Required Courses	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> SED 597: Characteristics of ED		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 580: Characteristics of ID	
<input type="checkbox"/> SED 598: Methods and Procedures for ED		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 586: Methods and Procedures for ID	
<input type="checkbox"/> SED 576: Assessment of Exceptional Learners		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 576: Assessment of Exceptional Learners	
<input type="checkbox"/> SED 505: Behavior Management		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 505: Behavior Management	
<input type="checkbox"/> SED 582c: Clinical II: Practicum in ED		<input type="checkbox"/> SED 582a: Clinical II: Practicum in ID	