

Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural Early Childhood Development



Purpose of the Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural Early Childhood Development (or B.A. MECD) program focuses on early learning experiences for very young children of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds as well as special needs. This innovative program's curriculum is based on five premises that will help early childhood educators develop an in-depth knowledge of cognitive, linguistic, physical and socioemotional development as well as appropriate teaching and learning practices. The program aligns with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation.

The program focuses on:

1. Quality early learning experiences
2. Collaboration with families
3. Programs for dual language learners
4. Early intervention principles and practices
5. Leadership and advocacy in early childhood settings

The program provides hands-on experiences at public and private agencies. Students enrolled in the program learn how to work and engage with families from diverse cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Program Options

The B.A. in Multicultural Early Childhood Development offers students the opportunity to select from two minors that will help them specialize in two areas that are currently in high demand:


- Dual Language (English Language Learners)
- Early Intervention (Children with Special Needs)


Students will also have the opportunity to earn additional certifications, like the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) certification, and learn about global aspects of early childhood education through study abroad experiences.

Career Options

Students who graduate from the B.A. in Multicultural Early Childhood program can seek a career as children's play leader, discovery leader, family development worker, children's services manager, children or family services coordinator, child and family engagement content expert, and early intervention specialist.

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