

## REASONS TO PURSUE A **MASTER'S DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD:**

- To enhance your ability to serve young children.
- To improve your professional résumé
- To become a teacher leader; be ready to lead a program
- To prepare to deliver teacher inservice or do consulting
- To become aware of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards
- To more effectively carry out developmentally appropriate practices
- To be ready to mentor, coach, consult, or network with other master teachers
- To become aware of models of curriculum and creative teaching strategies



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**M.Ed. IN EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION  
(ONLINE)**

## PROGRAM CONTENT EXAMPLES

### Program Content Examples:

#### Exploring Early Childhood Curriculum Models:

- **Constructivist**
- **Waldorf**
- **Montessori**
- **Head Start**
- **High/Scope**
- **Multiple Intelligence**
- **Reggio Emilia**

**Developmentally Appropriate Practice Creative Activities for Young Children**



**Applications must be submitted at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) and include:**

- ★ Transcripts showing a bachelor's degree and a GPA of 2.8 or higher
- ★ MAT or GRE scores
- ★ Background consistent with the Texas Code of Conduct
- ★ International students must include TOEFL scores

### COURSES REQUIRED FOR **MASTERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD:**

#### CORE 18 CREDIT HOURS:

- EDEC 5316** Natural & Social Sciences
- EDEC 5333** Foundations of Curriculum
- EDEC 5335** Integrated Curriculum
- EDEC 5349** Creative Activities
- EDEC 5359** Math in Early Childhood
- EDEC 5369** Emergent Literacy



#### RESEARCH 6 CREDIT HOURS:

- EDED 5329** Educational Research
- EDEC 5305** Research Project
- or
- EDEC 5351** Seminar in ECE
- EDRG 5332** Using Trade books

#### RESOURCE AREA 12 CREDIT HOURS:

**Four courses from related fields such as Reading, Instructional Technology, School Administration.**

A Masters degree in Early Childhood Education requires 36 graduate credits