REASONS TO PURSUE A MASTER’S DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD:

- To enhance your ability to serve young children.
- To improve your professional résume
- 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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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 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