**Western Carolina University**

**Birth-Kindergarten Licensure Program: Early Childhood Concentration**

**Eligibility Requirements for Program Admission:**

* GPA of 2.75 or higher in all programs and considered in good standing by all academic programs and approval of BK Admissions Council
* Declaration of ERCH concentration following BK 250 semester

**It is the student’s responsibility to assure that all requirements are met.**

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| **PREREQUISITE** | **Course information** | **Semster** | **Year** | **Grade** |
|  | **Liberal Studies (39-42 hours)** selected from courses [seen here](http://liberalstudies.wcu.edu/) |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | **Required Core (27 hours)** |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BK 250 – Introduction to Birth Kindergarten (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BK 260 – Foundations of Child Study (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BK 361- Environments for Young Children (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BK 363 -- Child Development (3)* ***(NCCCS EDU 144&145 or PSY 244&245)*** |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BK 462 - Adult/Child Interaction (3)* ***(NCCCS EDU 146)*** |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BK 470 – Early Childhood Curriculum (3)* ***(NCCCS EDU 259)*** |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BKSE 345 – Adaptations and Mods for Young Children with Disabilities (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BSKE 415: Eval & Intervent of Social-Emotional Comps in Yng Children (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *SPED 240 –The Exceptional Child (3)* ***(NCCCS EDU 221)*** |  |  |  |
| ***All above plus*** | ***Concentration Courses (15 hours)*** |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | *BK 315 – Literacy (3)* |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | *BK 366 – Infant Development and Curriculum (3)* ***(NCCCS EDU 234)*** |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | *BK 420 - STEM in the Early Years (3)* |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | *BKSE 314 – Observational Assessment & Screening of Young Children (3)* |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | *BKSE 411 – Family Collaborative Planning (3)* |  |  |  |
| **Application at the beginning of the semester prior to enrollment in BK 457** | **Required Capstone (Action Reseach) (20 hours)** |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | ***BK 457 – Action Research I (10)*** |  |  |  |
| **Declare concentration** | ***BK 458 – Action Research II (10)*** |  |  |  |
|  | *\*****Action Research Courses may not be taken together in one semester. These capstone courses are to be completed in a student’s last two consecutive Fall/Spring or Spring/Fall semesters. All transfer coursework and liberal studies must be completed prior to enrolling in Action Research I. ALL coursework must be completed prior to enrolling in Action Research II.*** | | | |
| **Other Requirements:**   * Birth-Kindergarten students must earn a C or above in all BK and BKSE courses. * The requirements for **continuing in the B-K ERCH program** include 1) a GPA of at least 2.75 on WCU hours attempted; 2) behavior which adheres to the code of ethics of the profession and the North Carolina BK Standards; and 3) satisfactory participation in the required professional early field experiences, which are prerequisite to Action Research. * Birth-Kindergarten ERCH students must successfully complete electronic evidences anin TK20. * Birth-Kindergarten ERCH students are responsible for all information posted on the BK Support Site, BK handbook and WCU catalog. * No more than two BK/BKSEcourses may be taken with BK 457. * No courses may be taken in the summer between BK 457 and BK 458. * No BK/BKSE courses may be taken with BK 458 | | | | |

**Note: Many BK and BKSE courses have some level of field experience that requires additional time beyond class meetings and assignments. Consider time for field experiences when planning your schedule. *Academic Advisors***: GregMcLamb [gmclamb@wcu.edu](mailto:gmclamb@wcu.edu) | 828.227.3755