

Western Carolina University
Birth-Kindergarten Licensure Program: Certification/RL/EES (approved Fall 2023)

Name:

Date:

Eligibility Requirements for Program Admission:

- Conferred bachelor’s degree and GPA of 3.0 or higher in all programs
- Considered in good standing by all academic programs
- Approval of BK Admissions Council
- **Student must apply to Teacher Education Program in their first semester. Students may not register beyond their first semester until TEP admission is complete. Failure to apply will result in the placement of a hold to your registration abilities.**

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

Courses - all courses require a cumulative WCU GPA of 2.75 for registration	Term	Grade
Required Core		
<i>BK 312 – Kindergarten Curriculum (3)</i>	Fall	
<i>BK 316 – Mathematics and Science (3)</i>	Sum/Fall	
<i>BKSE 313 – Assessment of the Young Child (3)</i>	Fall	
<i>BKSE 427 – Teaching Reading to Individuals with Mild to Moderate Disabilities (3)</i>	Spr/Sum	
Required Capstone (Student Teaching)		
<i>BK 473 - Internship in Early Childhood Assessment for Responsive Instruction (6)</i> *BK 473 is the first of two required internships	Fall/Spring	
<i>BK 483 - Internship (10) and BK 496 - Seminar (8)</i> *Collectively, BK 483 and BK 496 are the second of two required internships	Fall/Spring	

All Students must apply for Internship courses the semester prior to enrolling in internship.

BK 483/496 are completed in the last semester after all other coursework has been completed.

Approved internship sites include NC Pre-K classrooms, NC public school Kindergarten classrooms, and Head Start (not Early Head Start) classrooms

Apply for NC License – <http://teacherlicensure.wcu.edu>

Other Requirements:

- Birth-Kindergarten Licensure students must earn a C or above in all BK and BKSE courses.
- The requirements for **continuing in the B-K licensure 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 internship.
- Birth-Kindergarten Licensure students must successfully complete edTPA
- Birth-Kindergarten Licensure students are responsible for all information posted on the BK Support Site, BK handbook and WCU catalog.
- No courses may be taken during the semester of BK 483 / BK 496.
- No more than one course may be taken with BK 473
- No courses may be taken in the summer between BK 473 and BK 483/496.

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.

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