**Western Carolina University**

**Birth-Kindergarten Licensure Program: Professional Education 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
* **Student must apply to** [**Teacher Education Program**](https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/ceap/stl/teacher-education-application.aspx) **before taking concentration courses.**

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

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| **PREREQUISITE** | **Course information** | **Term** | **Year** | **Grade** |
|  | **Liberal Studies (39-42 hours)** selected from courses [seen here](http://liberalstudies.wcu.edu/) |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | **Required Core (27 hours) [all 2.75GPA registration and enrollment]** |   |  |   |
| **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 Modifications for Young Children with Disabilities (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *BSKE 415- Eval & Intervention of Social-Emotional Competencies in Young Children (3)* |  |  |  |
| **2.75/program acceptance** | *SPED 240 –The Exceptional Child (3)* ***(NCCCS EDU 221)*** |  |  |  |
| ***All above plus*** | ***Concentration Courses (24 hours)* [all 2.75GPA registration and enrollment]** |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BK 312 – Kindergarten Curriculum (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BK 316 – Mathematics and Science (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BK 410 - Literacy in Preschool and Kindergarten (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BKSE 313 – Assessment of the Young Child (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BKSE 412 – Interagency Planning (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BKSE 350 -- Early Childhood Disorders and Interventions (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BKSE 415 – Promoting Social-Emotional Competence (3)* |  |  |  |
| *TEP app required* | *BKSE 427 – Teaching Reading to Individuals with Mild to Moderate Disabilities (3)* |  |  |  |
| **Application at the beginning of the semester prior to enrollment in BK 473** | **Required Internship (17 hours) [all 2.75GPA registration and enrollment]** |  |  |  |
| *See above* | ***BK 473 - Internship in Early Childhood Assessment for Responsive Instruction (4)*** |  |  |  |
|  |  This is the first of two required internships\* |  |  |  |
| *Complete all requirments* | ***BK 483 - Internship (10) and BK 496 - Seminar (3)*** |  |  |  |
|  |  These collectively are the second of two required internships.+  |  |  |   |
| **\*All Students must apply for Internship courses *the semester prior* to enrolling in internship.**+**BK 483 and BK 496 are to be completed together in the last semester after all other coursework has been completed.****Approved internship sites: public NC Pre-K, public NC Kindergarten, and Head Start classrooms (not Early Head Start)**  |
| **Apply for NC License –** <http://teacherlicensure.wcu.edu> |
| **Other Requirements:**  | * Birth-Kindergarten PED students must earn a C or above in all BK and BKSE courses.
* The requirements for **continuing in the B-K PED 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 PED students must successfully complete electronic evidences and edTPA
* Birth-Kindergarten PED students are responsible for all information posted on the BK Support Site, BK handbook and WCU catalog.
* No courses may be taken with BK 483 and BK 496. BK 483 and BK 496 are co-requisites
* No more than two courses may be taken with BK 473
* No courses may be taken in the summer between BK 473 and BK 483 and BK 496.
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**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 Advisor***: GregMcLamb gmclamb@wcu.edu | 828.227.3755