

Upon completion of this program, candidates who have a current initial license with an endorsement in elementary education, such as preK-3, or prek-6, or special education early childhood, issued by the Virginia Board of Education are eligible for an Add-On Endorsement in Early Childhood for 3 and 4 year olds.

**CORE COURSES (9 hours)**

		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
EDUC 501	Advanced Child Development	3	_____	_____
EDEC 653	Current Issues in Early Childhood Education	3	_____	_____
EDEC 670	Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood <sup>1,2</sup>	3	_____	_____

**FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSE (0 hours)**

EDEC 598	Field Experience Practicum: Early Childhood <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>9</b>		

**Completion Requirements**

9 total hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level  
2.0 GPA

No grade of D may be applied to the certificate (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Certificate must be completed within 3 years

Submit Certificate Completion Application at beginning of final semester

**Offered in Online Format**

**Notes**

Candidates who want to apply certificate courses to a graduate degree program will have to abide by the GPA and grade requirements of that degree

<sup>1</sup>Candidates seeking the Add-on Endorsement for Early Childhood 3 and 4 year olds should take EDEC 598 as a co-requisite with EDEC 670

<sup>2</sup>EDEC 598 requires a 45 hour practicum

<sup>3</sup>EDEC 598 requires the cleared background check

<sup>4</sup>EDEC 598 should not be taken during summer terms due to limited field placement availability

<sup>5</sup>If a candidate is not seeking to fulfill the licensure practicum requirement, he/she may contact

[soelicensure@liberty.edu](mailto:soelicensure@liberty.edu) for opt out course availabilities