

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.

| <b><u>CORE COURSES (9 hours)</u></b> |   | <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                 | _____                  | _____               |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS</b>                   |   | <b>9</b>          |                        |                     |

**Completion Requirements**

- 9 total hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable
- 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. EDEC 598 requires the cleared background check.
- <sup>2</sup>Course should not be taken in the summer semester when EDEC 598 is taken concurrently for the add-on licensure. Field experience requirements for EDEC 598 may not be available in the summer
- No course substitutions allowed in the certificate