

Early Support. Lifelong Impact.

Fully online and
asynchronous
format

Start at any
point in the
course sequence

8-week
courses with six
offered per year

Flexible design
for full-time
teachers

Discounted
tuition
rate



APPLY ANY TIME - FALL, SPRING, OR SUMMER!

Contact us for applicable deadlines. Questions? Email us at professionalstudies@longwood.edu.

Why Pursue the Special Education Early Childhood (Birth-Age 5) Endorsement?

AT A GLANCE

Empowering teachers and transforming futures.

Are you a licensed teacher in Virginia looking to acquire the skills and expertise necessary to teach and support young children with diverse learning needs?

The fully online Early Childhood Special Education coursework will help you prepare to work with young children who have developmental delays or disabilities by completing nine courses that align with VDOE standards for the Special Education Early Childhood (birth – age 5) endorsement.

Coursework

This coursework opens doors by offering busy licensed teachers the opportunity to add valuable Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) endorsement credentials to their resumes. The Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement consists of nine courses delivered through an online format that makes the experience realistic and achievable for full-time teachers. A provisional Special Education license is not required to begin courses.

COURSE OFFERINGS (27 Credits)

SUMMER, YEAR 1

PECE 521 *Documentation and Assessment in Inclusive Early Childhood Settings*
(First eight-week session)

PECE 524 *Proactive Management and Positive Behavior Supports for Young Children*
(Second eight-week session)

FALL, YEAR 1

PECE 520 *Foundations & Legal Aspects of Early Childhood Special Education*
(First eight-week session)

PECE 525 *Consultation & Collaboration in the School, Home, and Community*
(Second eight-week session)

SPRING, YEAR 1

PECE 526 *Family-Centered Intervention in Early Childhood Education*
(First eight-week session)

PECE 522 *Curriculum, Instructional Programming, & Early Intervention for Early Childhood* (Second eight-week session)

SUMMER, YEAR 2

PECE 523 *Speech, Language and Literacy Development and Intervention for Young Children* (First eight-week session)

PECE 527 *Medical and Technological Aspects of Early Childhood Special Education*
(Second eight-week session)

FALL, YEAR 2

PECE 530 *Integrated Curriculum and Instructional Methods for Early Childhood Education* (First eight-week session)



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Official bachelor's degree transcript from a regionally accredited college or university
- Valid Virginia Teaching License

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- Expertise to support children (birth-age five) with developmental delays and disabilities
- Practical strategies you can apply immediately into your classroom
- Expanded opportunities to make a greater impact in early learning
- Instructional differentiation for students with diverse learning needs
- Knowledge of social and emotional development of students with disabilities
- Advocacy and support for students with disabilities, and their families

TUITION AND FEES

Based on current tuition rates, tuition costs \$295* per credit for Virginia residents and \$365* per credit for non-Virginia residents. This includes all fees except for a one-time application fee. All courses are three credits. The University offers a monthly payment plan option for fall and spring.

For more information, contact Longwood Professional Studies at professionalstudies@longwood.edu.

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