



**Early Childhood (Birth - Grade 2)**

For those who do not hold a valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood and are seeking the Master of Education as well as a recommendation for the Initial Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2). Completion of this master's degree also leads to a recommendation for the Professional Teacher Certificate (see GSE website for additional requirements) in Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial and Professional Certification/Master of Education (Birth – Grade 2)**

	Date**	Credit	Grade
<b>MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENTS</b>			
LAI 502 Infant and Toddler Education Programs	Fall	3	
LAI 504* Program Planning and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	Fall	3	
LAI 509 Arts in Early Childhood Education	Fall	3	
LAI 511 Diversity in Early Childhood/Childhood Education	Fall/Spr	3	
LAI 526 Agencies and Services for Children	Spr	3	
LAI 521 Improving Social Studies Instruction, Elementary	Fall/Spr	3	
LAI 527 Learning Mathematics in Early Childhood	Fall	3	
LAI 529 Computers in Early and Primary Education	Spr	3	
LAI 530 Improving Elementary Science Instruction	Fall/Spr	3	
LAI 565 Children's Literature	Fall/Spr	3	
LAI 549* Childhood Development and Learning	Fall	3	
LAI 550 Literacy Acquisition and Instruction, Pre-K-Primary	Fall/Spr	3	
LAI 560 Language Arts Methods	Fall/Spr/Sum	3	
LAI 571* Issues in Early Childhood Special Education	Fall	3	
<b>ELECTIVE</b> (Select one course from the following options)			
LAI 539, LAI 551, LAI 576, LAI XXX Effective Oral Language Practice, or LAI XXX A Developmental Approach to Spelling Instruction	varies	3	
<b>FIELD EXPERIENCES/STUDENT TEACHING</b>			
LAI 507* Supervised Teaching of Young Children, Pre-K	Fall/Spr/Sum	3	
LAI 667 Field Experience	Fall	3	
LAI 668 Supervised Teaching I	Spr	6	
LAI 595 Supervised Teaching II	Spr	3	
LAI 674 Seminar in Teaching	Spr	3	
<b>CAPSTONE EVENT</b> (Select one of the following three options with advisor approval)			
Comprehensive Exam		0	
LAI 700 Project OR LAI 701 Thesis		1-3	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>63-66</b>	

\* **Possible Program Substitutions** for students who have successfully completed a UB undergraduate course equivalent as part of the undergraduate education minor. (At least 33 credits of Ed.M. program must be 500 level or above exclusive of Student Teaching and Student Teaching Seminar.) See below:

LAI 205, SSC 208, or SSC 305 may be substituted for LAI 549  
LAI 416 or SSC 416 may be substituted for LAI 504

LAI 474 may be substituted for LAI 571  
LAI 490 may be substituted for LAI 507

\*\* Reflects past history of course offerings. Date of course offerings subject to change.

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## Early Childhood - Initial and Professional Certification/Master of Education (Birth – Grade 2)

Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded an Ed.M. degree from the University at Buffalo (successful completion includes individual course grades of B- or higher and an overall GPA of at least 3.0; see GSE Policies and Procedures for additional requirements).

Please note the following:

### **GSE Application to Candidacy Form:**

Upon successful completion of 42 to 45 credits in the Ed.M. program, submit a completed *GSE Application to Candidacy* form to LAI (505 Baldy Hall). The form must include your advisor's signature. The *Application to Candidacy* form can be found on the Graduate School of Education's website ([www.gse.buffalo.edu](http://www.gse.buffalo.edu)). The form is also available in the wall pockets outside of 505 Baldy Hall.

### **Apply for Graduation via the HUB Student Center:**

Notify the University of your expected conferral (graduation) date via the HUB Student Center. The "apply for graduation" link is on the "My Academics" tab.

<b>If you plan to graduate on:</b>	<b>File your application via the HUB by:</b>
Graduation Term: Spring (June 1)	February 15
Graduation Term: Summer (September 1)	June 15
Graduation Term: Fall (February 1)	September 15

- Should you miss the above deadline, you will need to apply for the next conferral (graduation) date.

### **Applying For Teacher Certification:**

To apply for issuance of an Initial and/or Professional Teacher Certificate from the New York State Education Department, students must successfully complete the above program, meet all applicable prerequisite distribution requirements, as well as any other requirements specified at the point of admission or thereafter, and submit an application for certification. For information regarding the teacher certification application process, go to the GSE website ([www.gse.buffalo.edu](http://www.gse.buffalo.edu)), select the "Current Students" link, then the "Forms & Checklists" link, and then scroll to the section labeled Teacher Certification Application Instructions and select the appropriate document(s). If you have questions about the certification application process, please contact the Teacher Education Institute (716-645-2461).