

University of West Florida

College of Professional Studies

School of Education

Curriculum & Instruction, M.Ed.

Primary Education Comprehensive Specialization

This program is an NCATE approved Comprehensive Specialization in Primary Education. Prospective students must possess professional certification to be eligible for admission into this specialization. This specialization is designed to develop master teachers who will be prepared for the instructional and leadership roles in primary education. With careful selection of courses, students may qualify for the Pre-kindergarten Disability Endorsement Program and/or Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist Credential. It should be noted that students will select a Faculty Mentor before completing EDG 5366. This Faculty Mentor will provide career advice, provide advice about the selection of elective courses related to the student's area of interest, and provide directions and advisement to the student concerning professional issues. Students must also complete a Cognate program of study of at least 15 semester hours. Before graduating, students will be required to complete an action research project. This 36 semester hour program is 100% online and includes the following courses:

Required Core Course (3 sh)

EDF 6691 Issues in Teacher Education: A Bio-Psycho-Social Understanding

Divisional Core Courses (9 sh)

EEC 6263 Integrated Curriculum Development & Instruction/Early Childhood Education

EEC 6305 Practical Applications and Issues in Assessment and Classroom Management:
Primary Education

EEX 6051 Exceptionalities

Educational Investigative Sequence (9 sh)

EDG 5366 Investigative Strategies & Empirical Foundations in Learning & Development
(A Faculty Mentor must be selected before completing EDG 5366)

Advisor approved action research course

Advisor approved research practicum course

Cognate Courses (15 sh minimum)

Course Plan must be approved by Faculty Mentor & Chair before initiating Cognate Courses.

Accreditation: The University of West Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). In addition, graduate programs are reviewed by the Florida Department of Education.

Admission: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/apply.cfm>. Deadlines for Applications and Supporting Documents: Fall Semester – June 30th; Spring Semester – November 1st; Summer Semester – April 1st. If you would like to begin online courses before the formal degree application process is concluded, please complete and submit the: [Non-Degree Student Documentation](#).

Tuition: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/affordable/tuition.cfm>. Non-Florida residents are eligible for an Out-of-State tuition waiver upon request. [Out-of-State Tuition Fee Waiver](#).

Financial Aid: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/financialaid.cfm>.

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