

Integrated Early Childhood Apprenticeship



Lipscomb University's **College of Education** is launching an innovative Integrated Early Childhood Apprenticeship—an online degree and licensure program designed to train and empower the next generation of early childhood educators.

Why Early Childhood Education Matters

Research consistently highlights the critical role of high-quality early childhood education in shaping lifelong success. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, early learning programs foster foundational skills in reading, math, social-emotional development, and positive relationships. Yet, a nationwide shortage of trained early childhood educators persists, with only 30% of center-based teaching staff holding a bachelor's degree or higher (CSCCE). This program addresses this urgent need by providing a pathway to professional credentials, financial support, and hands-on experience—all while earning an income.

Program Highlights

- **Earn While You Learn:** Gain paid, hands-on experience in early childhood classrooms while working toward licensure.
- **Accelerated Timeline:** Complete a bachelor's degree and state licensure in as little as three years post-high school.
- **Employer-Supported Learning:** Lipscomb serves as a training hub for early childhood centers to provide real-world teaching experience. Working for an approved employer partner can reduce the cost of this online program, while assisting with textbook and testing costs.

Degree & Licensure Pathways

The program leads to a **Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS)** in Integrated Early Childhood or a **Bachelor of Science (BS)** (finalization pending). Students may pursue licensure in: Birth to Kindergarten, Pre-K to 3rd Grade or Special Education.

Next Steps

Interested in joining the Integrated Early Childhood Apprenticeship?

Contact **Ted Meyer**, Associate Director of Admissions-Online, at tmeyer@lipscomb.edu or **Jennifer Van Dyke**, Employer Hub Director, at jennifer.vandyke@lipscomb.edu

*Join a program that equips, empowers and transforms
the future of early childhood education.*

Degree Plan

125 Credit Hours

General Education Core BPS:

- EN 1113 Intro to University Writing
- EN 1313 University Writing
- CO 1003 Intro to Communication
- Math
- SCI 1113 Experience of Science
- Math or Science
- HI 2223 US History II
- PS 1113 Intro to Psychology
- LULT 2183 Literature
- PE 2012 Lifetime Wellness
- PS 2423 Life Span Development
- CPR/First
- Intro to Edu (Edu develop)

Bible Requirements:

All students required to take Bible at Lipscomb

- Virtue, Flourishing, and Vocation
- 4 Bible courses

CDA Requirement:

- Course 1-4
- Practicum 1-4
- Portfolio 1-2

Early Childhood PreK-3:

- Praxis Prep (Edu develop)
- TRALA
- Math Methods I
- Early Childhood Methods
- SPED I, II, III
- Cultural Perspectives
- Planning/Assessment
- Capstone

OJL Learning Portfolio /Credit for Prior Learning:

- Building Supportive Learning Environ
- Gross Motor
- Families and Communities
- Books, Classroom Literature, Teaching with Text
- STEM

Clinical Placements



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