Early Childhood Option

ALL CLASSES MUST BE **COMPLETED** WITH A **"C" OR BETTER AND A 2.5 GPA.**

NAME: _____ GID: _____

The Early Childhood Education option is designed for students in Elementary Education. Individuals pursuing this option will receive specialized training in working with children age eight and younger, and their families, in the areas of developmentally appropriate practices and curriculum, parent involvement, and integrating children with special needs. Individuals who have completed the requirements for this option may apply to have the special competency added to their Elementary Education endorsement through Montana State's Office of Public Instruction. This special competency alerts perspective employers of the teacher candidate's training and skills in early childhood education.*

All Early Childhood Education option students should follow the Elementary Education, K-8 curriculum with these exceptions:

Delete: **Credits**

Required Electives: 13

Add:

Take ALL of the following:

Rubric/#	Course Title	Semester (s) Offered	Credits	Grade
HDCF 160	Early Childhood-Adolescence Development	Fall/Spring/Summer	3	
HDCF 271	Paraprofessional Experience	Fall/Spring	1	
HDCF 350	Early Childhood Classroom Management	Fall Only	3	
HDCF 352	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	Spring Only	4	
HDCF 356	Exceptional Children 0-21	Fall/Spring/Summer	3	
HDCF 458	Assessment and Intervention	Fall/Spring	4	

Take one of the following:

EDEL 410 or HDCF 454	Student Teaching in a K-3rd Grade Classroom Practicum Childhood Teaching	Fall/Spring/Summer Spring	5	

Total Credits: 23

A minimum of 128 credits is required for graduation; 42 of these credits must be in courses numbered 300 and above. Students choosing this option voluntarily select a program that requires additional coursework above the 128 credits required for a standard four-year degree.

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* Students must declare this as an additional option by completing the appropriate form. http://www.montana.edu/registrar/pdfs/declare_concentrations.pdf

* Students must complete a TEPP form for this option and submit it as part of their application for acceptance into the Teacher Education Program.