



**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CONCENTRATION
COURSE SHEET**

30 credit degree program

(12 credits of Core courses, 18 credits of Concentration courses)

Core Courses: 12 credits <i>Required for all ASTL M.Ed. students</i>	Credit Hours
<u>EDUC 612: Inquiry into Practice</u> Provides experience using research skills to foster systematic and thoughtful inquiry into classroom practice. Explores relevant classroom practice issues through critical writing, action, and research. Emphasizes cultural diversity and gender issues in research.	2
<u>EDUC 613: How Students Learn</u> Advanced course in study of learning based on research and theory from different disciplines. Focuses on increasing students' learning through study of different learning systems, and understanding each learner in context of learning process itself.	3
<u>EDUC 614: Designing and Assessing Teaching and Learning</u> Explores design and development of curricular, pedagogical, and assessment strategies responsive to needs and interests of students. Investigates factors that affect teaching and learning, and examines multiple ways of knowing that teachers bring to classrooms.	2
<u>EDUC 606: Education and Culture</u> Uses cultural inquiry process (CIP) and web site to acquire cultural, social, and language-related perspectives on educational processes; and teaches skills to analyze educational settings and expand strategies to address puzzlements in students' own practice.	3
<u>EDUC 615: Educational Change</u> Explores influences on educational change at classroom, school, community, state, and national levels. Investigates implications of factors and influences that affect educational change. Analyzes influences and factors, and involves students in reflecting on their own experiences.	2

Early Childhood Education Concentration Courses: 6 credits	Credit Hours
<p><u>ECED 601: Frameworks for Early Childhood Education</u> Analyzes foundational frameworks for developing perspectives for working with culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse young learners, birth to age 8, and their families. Examines foundational work from fields of early childhood education, early childhood special education, multicultural education, and second language acquisition</p>	3
<p><u>ECED 685: Applied and Teacher Research in Early Childhood Education</u> Develops fundamental concepts, principles, and methods of research in early childhood education, with emphasis on interpreting and applying research results. Critiques research and uses findings in educational settings. Serves as a capstone course in early childhood education.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>ECED 691: Policy Perspectives in Early Childhood Education</u> Explores historical and current trends and issues involving legislation and policy in early childhood education, multilingual education, early childhood special education, and multicultural education. Focuses on historical role of social advocacy, development of advocacy skills, and collaboration and consultation with other professionals and staff in early childhood education of services and context of service delivery.</p>	3
<p>Concentration Electives: 12 credits Select 4 courses from the options below</p>	
<p><u>EDCI 630: Supporting English Learners in PK-12 Schools</u> Provides new knowledge for classroom teachers who wish to know more about second language acquisition and how to effectively serve English Learners in their classrooms and schools. Examines research in first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, and includes teachers' application of new knowledge for culturally responsive curriculum development and student assessment. <i>New course active April 2019</i></p>	3
<p><u>EDRD 630: Literacy Foundations and Instruction for Diverse Populations: Birth Through Middle Childhood</u> Study of literacy theory, research, and practice as it relates to younger learners. Includes teaching of reading to English Language Learners and language acquisition for diverse populations (Special Education students who access the general curriculum). Addresses sociocultural, cognitive, linguistic, psychological, and developmental influences on children's literacy. Includes reading, writing, and oral communication.</p>	3
<p>Any graduate courses with ECED prefix</p>	
<p>PROGRAM EXIT REQUIREMENT</p>	

Professional Development Portfolio: A performance-based portfolio that provides evidence of a teacher's teacher professional learning and development throughout the ASTL program. The portfolio is presented the last spring semester of a student's program.	NA
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**Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning (ASTL)
Program of Study Form**

Once you are admitted and you indicate your intent to enroll, contact your Advisor *immediately*. Advisor information is located in your admissions materials and at <https://gse.gmu.edu/advanced-teaching-studies/current-student-information>.

Complete this form with your Advisor *by the end of your second semester*. What you include on this form is not permanent, and you can adjust as necessary. However, it will provide you with a roadmap for your program. See the Concentration Course Sheet for your specific Concentration for guidance in course selection.

Any changes to your Program of Study should be made in consultation with your Advisor.

Student Name	Concentration
Advisor Name	

Notes on Core courses:

The Core classes may be taken concurrently and interspersed with the Concentration courses OR the Core may be taken in a one year block as necessitated by Concentration course availability.

EDUC 612: offered face to face and online; summer only; must be first Core course taken

EDUC 613: offered face to face and online; fall only; must be second Core course taken

EDUC 614: offered face to face and online; fall only; can be taken concurrently with EDUC 613

EDUC 606: offered face to face and online; spring only; can be taken concurrently with EDUC 615

EDUC 615: offered face to face and online; spring only; must be taken the last spring semester of program

Semester	Semester, Year	Course number	Credits	Concentration or Core?
<i>(Example)</i>	<i>Summer 2019</i>	<i>EDUC 612</i> <i>EDLE 620</i>	<i>2</i> <i>3</i>	<i>Core</i> <i>Concentration</i>
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Student's signature		Date	
Advisor's signature		Date	