



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

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MISSION

The overall mission of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education (EECE) is to prepare responsive and effective educators for working with learners of all ages, infancy through adulthood. With its major emphasis in teacher certification programs for individuals seeking to teach in public school settings. Additional responsibilities include preparing personnel to teach in private kindergarten centers, day care centers and education programs operated by community agencies, businesses and industries.

Training focuses upon research and theoretical curriculum studies as well as the appropriate instructional methodologies for each population and community setting. The major objectives for the program are to produce educators who:

- Are responsive in the field of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, who meet certification requirements at the A Licensure Level;
- View the profession of education as most influential in the advancement of mankind;
- Have as a primary goal to help children and youth develop into citizens who will enhance humanity.

OVERVIEW

The Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education prepares educators to work with learners of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and cultures. EECE is recognized for its excellence in teaching, research, and service. Many graduates are teachers, consultants, principals, college professors, and state department employees. The department has one of the highest enrollments at Jackson State University, which is attributed to its active community involvement, personal approach to instruction, and advising.

Students admitted to other degree programs within the College of Education and Human Development, who desire to teach in elementary or secondary schools, are also enrolled in the courses provided by EECE. Students gain advanced knowledge in learning theories, educational standards, goals and objectives, cultural influences concerning learning, curriculum design, and implementation.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

Programs are based on the principles of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC); the standards and professional accreditation recommendations of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education/Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (NCATE/CAEP); the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS); the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); the Association of Childhood Education (ACEI); and the International Reading Association (IRA).

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science, Child Care & Family Education
Traditional and Online (Non-Licensure Track)
Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, K-3
Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, K-6

Graduate Programs

Master of Science in Early Childhood Education
(Traditional and Online)
Master of Science, Elementary Education
Master of Science, Reading Education
(Hybrid and Online)
Specialist Degree in Education, Elementary Education
Doctorate of Education, Early Childhood Education

ORGANIZATIONS

The **National Education Association-Student Program** is a departmental faculty led organization that consists of college students who are preparing to be educators. The organization provides members with legal services, scholarships, and political insight on educational initiatives, teacher quality tips, and community outreach.

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), International Honor Society in Education was founded in 1911 to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. KDP supports and advances educators throughout the phases and levels of their teaching careers. The Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education has a faculty led Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi for undergraduate, graduate, and faculty.

CONFERENCES

The Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education annually host the ***Ruth Searcy Literacy Conference and the Mississippi Early Childhood Education Alliance Conference***. Both conferences are student centered and organized by faculty in the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education. The **Ruth Searcy Literacy Conference** provides participants with hands-on literacy strategies that can be implemented in today's classrooms. The **Mississippi Early Childhood Alliance (MECA) Conference** is a partnership between the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education and the Child-care Directors Network Alliance (CDNA) to assist in educating and developing children's academic skills in the early years.