

**EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION  
(GRADES PRE-K-3)**

**KEY POINTS  
ABOUT THE  
MAJOR**

- At least 460 hours are spent in hands-on clinical and field-based experiences in diverse classroom settings.
- Graduates of the Education Division pass the National PRAXIS II certification exam at a rate of 93 percent to 100 percent.
- Our programs prepare competent, effective, caring teacher-leaders.

“Ohio Dominican’s Early Childhood Education program has a rich history of community-based relationship building. Our program integrates the liberal arts with contemporary approaches to teacher preparation.”

—Matthew Conley,  
Ph.D., Associate  
Professor, Early  
Childhood Education



## Sample Four-Year Plan

The course plan below is a sample plan for your major. It does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map out the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term.

### First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENG 110 Thinking & Writing Across the Curriculum	3	EDU 103 Introduction to Teaching	3
Choice of any Core Seminar 179	3	Early Childhood	
Philosophy Elective* (Not 101)	3	EDU 120 Teaching Reading through Literature	3
MTH 150 Principles of Math for Early Childhood	3	for Children & Young Adults	
Teachers & Intervention Specialists		ENG 111 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
HIS 201 American History I	3	Theology Elective*	3
or HIS 202 American History II		EXSC 125 Introduction to Exercise, Health, & Nutrition	3

### Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Choice of any 279 Core Seminar	3	EDU 250 Issues and Techniques in Assessment,	3
Natural Science Elective	3	Classroom Environment and Management	
EDU 210 Child Development	3	EDU 215 Diversity and the Learner**	3
EDU 211 Teaching Phonics	3	GEO 125 World Geography	3
EDU 230 Introduction to Special Education &	3	Elective	3
Diverse Learners		EDU 212 Developmental Issues & Practices in Reading	3
Elective	1		

### Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EDU 315 Diagnostic, Prescriptive Reading	3	Philosophy Elective* - 200 level or above	3
EDU 379A Principles of Education	3	ART 237 Art for Teachers	3
EDU 339 Early Childhood Language Arts	3	EDU 333A Early Childhood Science Methods	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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### Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Theology Elective* - 200 level or above	3	EDU 479 Early Childhood Senior Core Seminar	3
EDU 333B Early Childhood Mathematics Methods	3	EDU 482 Student Teaching	12
EDU 333C Early Childhood Social Studies Methods	3		
Electives	6		

\* At least one Theology and one Philosophy course must be at the 200 level or higher.

\*\* Diversity requirement fulfilled with the course.

NOTE: Students may obtain an endorsement to teach grades 4 and 5 by completing an additional nine hours of courses and taking the Praxis II exam for Elementary Education.

## For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on the ODU website. The core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at 614.251.4500 or at [admissions@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:admissions@ohiodominican.edu).

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### COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- Early Childhood Development
- Teaching Phonics
- Diversity and the Learner
- Strategies for Teaching in an Early Childhood Classroom
- Early Childhood Education as a Profession
- Teaching Reading Through Literature
- Content Area Reading
- Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies Methods
- Foundations in Reading

**“ODU has been the best choice for me to succeed in the Early Childhood Education field. My courses and professors have given me real-life experiences that I have gained confidence from. I feel prepared to enter my career as a teacher and am excited about my future.”**

**— Megan Unterbrink, Class of 2010**



## Program Overview

The program is nationally recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is approved by the Ohio Department of Education and is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Each instructor in ODU's Education program has been a classroom teacher at some point in his or her life, bringing real-world experience to the classroom.

## Why ODU?

- At ODU, Education majors are provided opportunities to gain 200 or more hours of field-based experiences in diverse early childhood settings before beginning to student teach.
- ODU Education majors have hands-on experience with the latest educational technologies, including software applications to prepare exciting classroom presentations to help engage students in the learning process.

## Field Experience & Research

In addition to their 16-week student teaching placement, ODU students amass classroom hours through the majority of their Education requirements. Throughout their field experience and observation, our students are placed in diverse classroom settings, which makes them more marketable as they are interviewing for full-time teaching positions.

## Career Possibilities

Students benefit from the advantage of career assistance and guidance through the Career Development Center. Career Development hosts an annual Education Interview Day during which area school districts come to campus to interview graduating Education majors for teaching positions in their district.

Our graduates are teaching in public and private schools throughout the state of Ohio and across the country. As students enter M.Ed programs, many choose to return to Ohio Dominican for their graduate education.

## On-Campus Opportunities

ODU students with a 3.0 grade point average or better are invited to become members of an international honor society in Education, Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), which represents all facets of the Education profession. Membership in KDP demonstrates the ideas of scholarship, excellence, service to the community and a commitment to lifelong learning.

## For More Information About the Early Childhood Education Program

Contact Dr. Matthew Conley, Assistant Dean of the Division of Education, at [conleym@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:conleym@ohiodominican.edu) to learn more about the Early Childhood Education program and/or any of the other Education programs such as Middle Childhood Education, Intervention Specialist Education or our variety of Adolescent/Young Adult programs.