

# MA/MS in Early Childhood: Inclusive Ed and Curriculum & Instruction (45 credits)

- Focus in the area in which you are most passionate
- Four specialization options and/or the opportunity to tailor your program

## The four specializations include:

### Constructivism in Early Childhood Education

The constructivism specialization is grounded in the works of Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky and influenced by the infant-toddler centers and preprimary schools of Reggio Emilia.

### Early Childhood Special Education

The program is designed to provide the knowledge for you to support children, birth to age eight, with special needs and their families.

### Infant Toddler Mental Health

This program is taught by an interdisciplinary team of faculty focusing on the most current research and interventions from the prenatal development to three years of age.

### Distributed Pathway

This program allows you to select from a broad range of courses within the specialty areas. Students choose, with an advisor, two 3 credit courses from each of the three specializations.

This unique online program aligns with NAEYC and DEC standards and requires the completion of 45 quarter credits composed of:

#### Core + Research courses (18 credits)

ED 550 Foundations in Early Childhood and Inclusive Education (4 credits)

ED 551 Child Development in Early Childhood and Inclusive Education (4 credits)

ED 552 Issues in Early Childhood and Inclusive Education (4 credits)

CI 590 Action Research Proposal (4 credits)

CI 591 Action Research Project Implementation (4 credits)

#### Specialization (18 credits)

Constructivism in Early Childhood Education -or-

Early Childhood Special Education

Infant Toddler Mental Health -or-

Distributed Pathway

#### Electives (9 credits)

Students may choose from the suggested elective options listed at [pdx.edu/ci/early-childhood-education-electives](http://pdx.edu/ci/early-childhood-education-electives).

With advisor's approval, other courses can be substituted.

Program total credits = 45 credits



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