

# Early Development & Learning PreK-K

Teacher Education for prospective **Early Development and Learning (EDL)** teacher is a four year Bachelors of Science degree. This program results in a license for birth through kindergarten. In lieu of the one year internship that most of UT's licensure programs require, this program requires student teaching to be completed during the spring of the fourth year.

This program encourages pre-service teachers to become professionals who:

- Understand child development in context
- Provide appropriate learning opportunities for young children
- Consistently reflect on and adapt their practice to meet the individuals needs of children and families

Undergraduate Students gain practicum and student teaching experiences in the UT Early Learning Center as well as in inclusive and special education PreK and kindergarten classrooms. This program prepares students to teach children with or without disabilities from birth through kindergarten

## Admission Requirements

- Maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA, all college work calculated
- Complete 60 credit hours, including AP, dual & transfer credit
- Satisfactory CORE scores (if applicable)
  - Passing scores on the CORE:  
Reading - 156  
Writing - 162  
Math - 150  
Register online at [ets.org/praxis](https://ets.org/praxis)
  - Students with an ENACT of 21 or higher or a RSAT composite score of 1020 are exempt
- Professional Attitudes, Dispositions, & Competencies - completion of online form
- Background Check - all applicants will be required to complete a fingerprint scan and background check
- Interview with Admissions Board - **April & November**
- ACT/SAT scores **MUST** be on file.

Electronic Application -  
<https://cehhsadvising.utk.edu/licensure/>

For Fall semester apply between August 1 - September 30  
For Spring semester apply between January 1 - February 28

For appointments: <https://cehhsadvising.utk.edu/academic-advising/>

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# Special Education Block

Prior to the fourth year, student **MUST** complete a 12 hour Special Education block during the summer semester. This block consists of:

- **Special Education 410 (3 hrs)**
- **Special Education 471 (6 hrs)**
- **Child and Family Studies 445 (3 hrs)**

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