The University of Kansas, Dept of Special Education offers an Early Childhood Unified* (ECU) program (*unified refers to the unification of general EC and ECSE skills and knowledge). Completion of the 33 graduate credit hour sequence leads to a Masters of Science in Education with initial Kansas teaching license in ECU birth through kindergarten. To be considered for admission you need only have a bachelor’s degree in a related area and/or experience working with young children. You do not have to have an undergraduate education degree or an initial teaching license.

The Dept. of Special Ed. currently has a federal grant to provide financial support (approximately $17,700 per year for full time students) to a limited number of full-time (6 to 9 credits per semester) and part-time (3 to 6 credits per semester) students to assist with costs of completing the program. To be considered for the stipend prospective students must first be admitted.

The program is a part of the University of Kansas’s number-one ranked public special education program in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. Designed to accommodate your busy schedule, most courses are hybrid (asynchronous online & face-to-face class sessions) and offered at both Lawrence and Edwards campuses (Overland Park, KS). Each class when face-to-face meets one evening a week (i.e., 4:30pm to 7:00pm). Student teaching experiences can be completed any semester including summers and may be completed in the student’s current work setting if appropriate.

**Courses**

- Overview of EC & EC Special Ed
- Curriculum & Methods in Early Childhood
- Inclusive Strategies and Interventions for Preschoolers/Kindergarteners
- Inclusive Strategies and Interventions for Infants & Toddlers
- Family and Interprofessional Collaboration
- Supporting Children with Significant Learning & Behavioral Concerns
- Assessment in Early Education

**Student Teaching Requirements**

- ECU kindergarten/preschool
- ECU infant/toddler

**Additional Requirements**

- Understanding Research in Education
- Masters Project or Masters Thesis – Individual Study

**NOTE:**
1. Hybrid class format
2. Offered on both Lawrence and Edwards campus
3. Available fully on-line

**Interested in learning more?**
Visit [http://specialedu.soe.ku.edu/academics/ecu/mse](http://specialedu.soe.ku.edu/academics/ecu/mse) or contact the program coordinator, Dr. Eva Horn via email at evahorn@ku.edu or by phone at 785.864.0615