

**Bachelor of Science in
Early Childhood Education (ECE)**

Why Apply?

- Degree awarded by Towson University
- Licensure in early childhood education (birth- 3rd grade)
- Small classes and a cohort-based program
- Internships in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Professional Development Schools
- Faculty from Towson University and adjunct faculty from MCPS
- Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

Program Information

The Towson undergraduate program in Early Childhood Education is an integrated program that prepares students for licensure to work with children birth through third grade. This program is a two-year, full-time program where students complete their junior and senior years at The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) and in Montgomery County Public School classrooms.

To be considered for admission, students must:

- Submit an application and official transcripts of all college work
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a C or better on ALL courses
- Be enrolled in the A.A.T. program in a Maryland community college



For more information, please visit <https://www.shadygrove.umd.edu/universities/towson-university>

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STEPS to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE)



The ECE program begins new cohorts every fall. We do NOT offer spring admissions.
Cohorts are limited in the number of students who will be accepted.

1. Apply to Towson University at the fall event at USG, one year before transferring from the A.A.T. in an Early Childhood Education program in a Maryland community college. If you apply at the USG fall event, your application fee is typically waived.
2. Submit transcripts from all colleges attended. Unofficial transcripts should be emailed to the Towson University Site Coordinator/ Program Director at USG. Official transcripts must be sent directly to Towson University's Undergrad Admissions Office upon applying.
3. Get accepted to Towson University. This is the first step to admission to the USG program; however, it does not equal admission to the Towson University Early Childhood Education program at the Universities at Shady Grove.
4. Once admitted to main campus, to be considered for admission to the TU ECE program at USG, students must:
 - Be enrolled in an Early Childhood Education AAT program at a Maryland community college.
 - Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (based on all colleges attended)
 - Meet all pre-major Early Childhood Education prerequisite course requirements.
5. Complete the digital TU Enrollment Contract AFTER you have been admitted to the TU Early Childhood Education program at USG.
6. Attend new student orientation at USG in June. Bring a copy of your updated unofficial transcript.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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DEPARTMENTAL THEME:

The Department of Early Childhood Education is committed to preparing reflective early childhood professionals who implement effective and appropriate research-based practices that foster joyful learning to support every child in achieving their full potential.

FALL, YEAR 3	Credits	SPRING, YEAR 3	Credits
ECED 315 Infancy & Toddlerhood Development & Intervention	3	ECED 341 Preprimary Curriculum	3
ECED 318 Knowledge of Teaching	3	ECED 343 Clinical Experience I	3
ECED 407 Conceptual Understandings of Computer Science for Young Children	3	ECED 417 Assessment & Early Identification of Learning Disabilities	3
ECED 422 Writing Techniques for Teachers (I.D.)	3	ECED 360 Early Literacy: Best Practices & Materials	3
EDUC 203 Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Society	3	ECED 460 English Language Learners	3
ECED 461 Teaching the Integrated Arts	3	SCIE 371 Teaching Science in ECE	2
TOTAL CREDITS	18	TOTAL CREDITS	17

SUMMER TERM, Year 3	Credits
SCED 304 Education, Ethics and Change	3
TOTAL CREDITS	3

FALL, YEAR 4	Credits	SPRING, YEAR 4	Credits
ECED 342 Primary Curriculum	3	ECED 421 Seminar in ECE	3
ECED 344 Clinical Experience II	3	ECED 462 Clinical Experience III	12
ECED 361 Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades	3		
ECED 424 Teaching Writing in the Primary Grades	3		
ECED 429 Principles and Practices of Reading and Language Arts Assessment	3		
MATH 321 Teaching Mathematics in ECE	3		
TOTAL CREDITS	18	TOTAL CREDITS	15