

Birth through Kindergarten (BRKD)

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The major in Birth through Kindergarten prepares educators to teach infants, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners including those children with disabilities. The program offers students a chance to work in settings that serve young children, including public schools, early-intervention programs, child care and education centers, and residential placement centers. Successful completion of this degree, as specified in the requirements for a major in Birth through Kindergarten, leads to Arkansas' Integrated Birth through Kindergarten/Special Education teacher license.

Passing scores on the Praxis Core (Reading, Writing, and Math) or equivalent ACT, SAT or GRE scores are a requirement for formal admission into the Birth through Kindergarten major. Passing scores on the relevant Praxis Content exams (Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education 5023, Education of Young Children 5024 and Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood 5621) are requirements for teacher licensure. Other specific application procedures and degree requirements are available from Birth through Kindergarten faculty advisers.

Requirements for a major in Birth through Kindergarten (BRKD)

State minimum core and discipline specific general education requirements: (Course work that meets state minimum core requirements is in bold.)

University Requirements	1
UNIV 10051 University Perspectives	
Communications	9
ENGL 10103 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013)	
ENGL 10203 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023)	
SPCH 10003 Public Speaking (ACTS Equivalency = SPCH 1003) ¹	
U.S. History or Government ²	3
Select 3 hours from U.S. History or Government University Core	
Mathematics ²	3
MATH 11003 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) (or higher level MATH)	
Sciences ²	8
Select 8 hours (two lecture/lab combinations) Sciences University Core	
Fine Arts and Humanities ²	6
Select 3 hours from Fine Arts University Core	
Select 3 hours Humanities University Core	

Social Sciences	9
PSYC 20003 General Psychology (ACTS Equivalency = PSYC 1103)	
SOCI 10103 General Sociology (ACTS Equivalency = SOCI 1013) or HDFS 26(Rural Families and Communities)	
HDFS 24103 Family Relations	
Birth through Kindergarten Requirements	72
NUTR 12103 Fundamentals of Nutrition	
HDFS 14203 Observation and Foundations for Teaching Young Children	
HDFS 24033 Infant and Toddler Development & HDFS 24031 and Infant and Toddler Development Laboratory	
HDFS 24303 Child Development	
HDFS 24603 Introduction to Leadership and Administration in the Helping Professions	
HDFS 24703 Child Guidance & HDFS 24701 and Child Guidance Laboratory	
HDFS 24903 Introduction to Cultural Competence	
HDFS 33303 Language and Literacy Pedagogy for Birth through Kindergarten Educators	
HDFS 34503 Parenting and Family Dynamics	
HDFS 42103 Math and Science for Young Children & HDFS 42102 and Math and Science for Young Children Lab	
HDFS 42203 Creative and Social Experience for Young Children & HDFS 42202 and Creative and Social Experiences for Young Children Lab	
HDFS 42303 Developmental Assessment in Early Childhood	
HDFS 43103 Building Family and Community Relationships	
HDFS 43703 Internship: Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Programs	
HDFS 43803 Internship: Kindergarten Programs	
CIED 30203 Survey of Exceptionalities	
CIED 31103 Emergent Literacy	
HIST 33803 Arkansas and the Southwest	
SCWK 36303 Child Welfare: 21st Century Perspectives	
SPED 44103 ABA and Classroom Management for Teachers	
SPED 44903 Introduction to Students with High Incidence Disabilities	
CIED 4990V Special Topics in Curriculum and Instruction Education (Students must complete a CIED 4990V (3 hours) in which the topic is in the area of Special Education. This course must be taken during the summer session.)	
General Electives	9
Total Hours	120

Other Requirements for the B.S.H.E.S. Degree in Birth through Kindergarten major:³

Both candidacy and retention eligibility for the Arkansas Birth through Kindergarten Integrated Licensure Program require that students meet a set of criteria listed in the catalog. These include the submission of a transcript showing a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, with grades of C or better in all BRKD courses. Students should consult their academic adviser as they near completion of the above

requirements to discuss the application process for the Integrated Birth through Kindergarten/Special Education teacher license in Arkansas. Additional requirements for application to teacher licensure with the state of Arkansas Department of Education include demonstrating basic skills in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics (see Birth-Kindergarten Program Handbook), Praxis Content: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education 5023 and Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood 5621.

¹ Please visit the Bumpers College Majors and Minors page (<http://bumperscollege.uark.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/>) for a list of communication/intensive courses.

² Go to the State Minimum Core Requirements (<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/universitycore/>).

³ Child Maltreatment Certification must be completed.

Birth through Kindergarten B.S.H.E.S. Eight-Semester Degree Program

Students wishing to follow the degree plan should go to the Eight-Semester Degree Policy (<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/eightsemesterdegreecompletionpolicy/>) for university requirements of the program.

First Year	Units		
	Fall	Spring	Summer
UNIV 10051 University Perspectives	1		
ENGL 10103 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)	3		
HDFS 14203 Observation and Foundations for Teaching Young Children	3		
Fine Arts University Core Elective (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.1) ¹	3		
MATH 11003 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) (or higher level MATH (Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1)	3		
General Elective	3		
HDFS 24103 Family Relations (Satisfies General Education Outcomes 3.3, 4.1, and 4.2)		3	
PSYC 20003 General Psychology (ACTS Equivalency = PSYC 1103) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)		3	
ENGL 10203 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1)		3	
Science University Core Elective (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)		4	
SPCH 10003 Public Speaking (ACTS Equivalency = SPCH 1003) (Satisfies General Education Outcomes 1.2 and 5.1)		3	
Year Total:	16	16	

Second Year	Units		
	Fall	Spring	Summer
HDFS 24033 Infant and Toddler Development & HDFS 24031 Infant and Toddler Development Laboratory	4		
HDFS 24603 Introduction to Leadership and Administration in the Helping Professions	3		
U.S. History or Government University Core Elective	3		
Humanities University Core Elective (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.2) ²	3		
NUTR 12103 Fundamentals of Nutrition	3		
HDFS 24303 Child Development			3
HDFS 34503 Parenting and Family Dynamics			3
Science University Core Elective (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)			4
CIED 30203 Survey of Exceptionalities (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3)			3
SOCI 10103 General Sociology (ACTS Equivalency = SOCI 1013) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3) or HDFS 26003 Rural Families and Communities			3
Year Total:	16	16	

Third Year	Units		
	Fall	Spring	Summer
HDFS 24703 Child Guidance & HDFS 24701 Child Guidance Laboratory	4		
HDFS 24903 Introduction to Cultural Competence	3		
HDFS 33303 Language and Literacy Pedagogy for Birth through Kindergarten Educators	3		
HDFS 42303 Developmental Assessment in Early Childhood	3		
CIED 31103 Emergent Literacy			3
HIST 33803 Arkansas and the Southwest			3
General Elective			3
HDFS 42203 Creative and Social Experience for Young Children & HDFS 42202 Creative and Social Experiences for Young Children Lab			5
CIED 4990V Special Topics in Curriculum and Instruction Education			3
Year Total:	13	14	3

Fourth Year	Units		
	Fall	Spring	Summer
SCWK 36303 Child Welfare: 21st Century Perspectives	3		
HDFS 42103 Math and Science for Young Children & HDFS 42102 Math and Science for Young Children Lab	5		
SPED 44903 Introduction to Students with High Incidence Disabilities	3		
General Elective	3		
HDFS 43103 Building Family and Community Relationships		3	
HDFS 43703 Internship: Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Programs (Satisfies General Education Outcome 6.1)		3	
HDFS 43803 Internship: Kindergarten Programs		3	
SPED 44103 ABA and Classroom Management for Teachers		3	
Year Total:	14	12	
Total Units in Sequence:	120		

¹ The Fine Arts Elective courses which satisfy General Education Outcome 3.1 include: ARCH 10003, ARHS 10003, ARHS 10003, COMM 10003, COMM 10003, DANC 10003, DANC 10003, LARC 10003, MUSC 10003, MUSC 10003, MUSC 100H3, MUSC 10103, MUSC 10103, MUSC 101H3, MUSC 13303, MUSC 13303, THTR 10003, THTR 10003, THTR 10103 or THTR 101H3.

² The Humanities Elective courses which satisfy General Education Outcome 3.2 include: AAST 20203, ANTH 10303, ARCH 10103, CLST 10003, CLST 100H3, CLST 10103, COMM 12303, DANC 10003, ENGL 12103, GNST 20003, HIST 11193, HIST 111H3, HIST 11293, HIST 112H3, HIST 20003, HIST 20103, HUMN 112H4, HUMN 22103, LALS 20103, MRST 20103, MUSY 20003, MUSY 200H3, PHIL 20003, PHIL 200H3, PHIL 21003, PHIL 23003, THTR 10003, THTR 10103, THTR 101H3, ENGL 11103, ENGL 11203, or Intermediate-level world language.

Minor in Child Services

This minor is open to all University of Arkansas students and requires 15 hours.

Required Courses

HDFS 14003	Life Span Development	3
HDFS 24303	Child Development	3
HDFS 34603	The Hospitalized Child: Child Life Programming	3
HDFS 43103	Building Family and Community Relationships	3
HDFS 43503	Play as Development in Childhood	3
Total Hours		15