Early Childhood Special Education Approval All four areas are required for the approval.

	Department	Course #, Title, # of Hours	Course Description	Mode of Delivery (In Person, Online, Both)
Early Childhood Special Education Assessment	College of Education, Continuing Education for Teachers	SPED/538- Special Education in Early Childhood	This course helps prepare participants to support the development and learning of young and diverse students with special needs. Participants learn the basic foundations and principles of early childhood special education, including diagnosis and monitoring, ethics, and assessment. Best practices for classroom management, behavior modification techniques, and effective ways to communicate with families are also explored.	Online
Early Childhood Special Education Methods Development of Language in the	College of Education, Continuing Education for Teachers	ECE/511: Language and Literacy	This course focuses on theoretical and developmentally appropriate teaching methods	Online
Young Child		Methods in Early Childhood Education	in language and literacy for children from birth to age eight. Theories in language development, including second language acquisition, as well as	

		3 Credits	the needs of English language learners are	
			examined. Participants will explore research- based early literacy teaching strategies for engaging children in integrated listening, speaking, reading, and writing experiences. There is an emphasis on incorporating content area standards and developing hands-on learning experiences for young children. Additionally, developmentally effective assessments are discussed as a means of guiding instruction.	
Child, Family, and Community Relationships	College of Education, Continuing Education for Teachers	SPED/557: Collaboration with Families of Students with Disabilities 3 Credits <u>OR</u>	This course focuses on the interrelationships of varied services for students with disabilities. Emphasis is placed on meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of students with disabilities by working with parents, professionals, and community services to develop collaborative and productive professional relationships.	Online
		ECE/514: Family/Community Involvement in Early Childhood Education 3 Credits	This course focuses on family and community involvement in early childhood education. Participants examine strategies for establishing and maintaining collaborative relationships with culturally diverse families and communities. Effective communication, engagement, and school partnerships are also explored.	