

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (A.A.) - ONLINE

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

## General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Communication &amp; Information Literacy</b> <sup>1</sup>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
Communications Elective	<sup>2</sup>	3
Information Literacy Elective	<sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning</b> <sup>1</sup>		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
MATH Elective	MATH 114 or higher <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Critical Thinking</b> <sup>1</sup>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>5</sup>	4
Critical Thinking Elective	<sup>6</sup>	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement</b> <sup>1</sup>		
Cultural Studies Elective	<sup>7</sup>	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry</b> <sup>1</sup>		
Natural Science Elective	<sup>8</sup>	3
Social Science Elective	<sup>9</sup>	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts</b> <sup>1</sup>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>5</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36-39</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skills requirements
- <sup>2</sup> COMS 101 is strongly recommended
- <sup>3</sup> HIUS 221 is strongly recommended
- <sup>4</sup> MATH 117 is strongly recommended
- <sup>5</sup> Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived
- <sup>6</sup> ENGL 201 is strongly recommended
- <sup>7</sup> CSTU 101 is strongly recommended
- <sup>8</sup> PHYS 101 is strongly recommended
- <sup>9</sup> PSYC 210 is strongly recommended

## Major Requirements

This is a non-licensure degree and is not a state approved program. Completion of this degree will not lead to the eligibility of a VA state teaching license or a teaching license or certificate in any other state. If you would like to be eligible for a VA state teaching license or work through reciprocity guidelines to be eligible for a license or certificate in another state, you must complete a state-approved program. Refer to [www.liberty.edu/education](http://www.liberty.edu/education).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Core</b>		
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	3
EDUC 210	Early Childhood Education Fundamentals	3
EDUC 215	Wellness in the Early Childhood Setting	3
EDUC 305	Educational Philosophy for Christian Teachers	3
or EDUC 360	Foundations of Education	
EDUC 350	Behavior and Individual Differences	3
Education Elective	<sup>1,2</sup>	3
Elective	<sup>2,3</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Choose any EDUC course not already required in the major
- <sup>2</sup> Candidates seeking to take EDUC 298 Education Practicum (3 c.h.) as an elective must complete a background check for their field placement
- <sup>3</sup> Choose any EDSP or EDUC course not already required in the major

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
Choose 0-3 credit hours of Free Electives		0-3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-3</b>

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- **60** Total Hours
- **2.0** Overall grade point average
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all upper-level courses in the major
- **25%** Of major taken through Liberty University
- **15** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
Communications Elective	<sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
Math Elective	<sup>1,3</sup>	3
Natural Science Elective	<sup>1,4</sup>	3
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Critical Thinking Elective <sup>1,5</sup>		3
Cultural Studies Elective <sup>1,6</sup>		3
EDUC 210	Early Childhood Education Fundamentals	3
EDUC 350	Behavior and Individual Differences	3
EDUC Elective <sup>7,8</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1,9</sup>		3
Social Science Elective <sup>1,10</sup>		3
EDUC 215	Wellness in the Early Childhood Setting	3
EDUC 305 or EDUC 360	Educational Philosophy for Teachers <sup>11</sup> or Foundations of Education	3
EDUC or EDSP Elective <sup>8,12</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60-63</b>

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<sup>2</sup> COMS 101 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>3</sup> MATH 117 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>4</sup> PHYS 101 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>5</sup> ENGL 201 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>6</sup> CSTU 101 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>7</sup> Choose any EDUC course not already required in the major

<sup>8</sup> Candidates seeking to take EDUC 298 as an elective must complete a background check for their field placement

<sup>9</sup> HIUS 221 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>10</sup> PSYC 210 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>11</sup> EDUC 360 is strongly recommended for students who will be pursuing a licensure B.Ed.

<sup>12</sup> Choose any EDSP or EDUC course not already required in the major