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UCF’s Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities Endorsement Certificate meets the Florida Department of Education’s requirements for Pre-K Disabilities Endorsement (Administrative Rule 6A-6.0361). The Pre-K Endorsement addresses a critical shortage area by preparing teachers to serve prekindergarten-aged children with disabilities from birth to 5 years of age in Florida’s public school special education programs. Pre-K Disabilities endorsement may be added to any certification identified in the exceptional education certificate area.

The program is composed of four graduate courses that can be taken as an add-on to an undergraduate or graduate degree or incorporated into a Master’s program of study in Exceptional Student Education.

Adding an Endorsement to a Valid Florida Educator Certificate

For information on adding an endorsement to an educator certificate and specific course requirements for the Pre-K endorsement please visit http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/add_endorse_pro.asp

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Helpful Links

Department of Child, Family, and Community Sciences
http://www.education.ucf.edu/cfcs/

Graduate Catalog
www.graduateguides.ucf.edu/

ESE Advising for Exceptional Student Education
http://www.education.ucf.edu/Adv/index.html

Office of Student Financial Assistance
http://finaid.ucf.edu/index.html

Tuition support for these courses is available for eligible candidates through the Pre-K Disabilities Endorsement Tuition Support Program from the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Support Services. More information is available at: www.florida-ese.org/prekendorsement/

Pre-K Disabilities OVERVIEW

The Graduate Certificate in Prekindergarten (Pre-K) Disabilities is designed to provide additional knowledge and skills for professionals to meet the requirements for the Pre-K Disabilities ESE Endorsement. The four graduate courses focus on knowledge, skills, and competencies for working with children birth to age 5 with disabilities, developmental delays and/or at-risk conditions. They can be added to a current teaching certification in any exceptional education field, primary education, elementary education (K-6), and/or early childhood education. Individuals holding ESE teacher may apply four certificate courses towards State Endorsement in Pre-Kindergarten. (Administrative Rule 6A-4.01792)

Required Courses

12 Credits hours

- EEX 5702 Planning Curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten Children with Disabilities (3 credit hours) Spring*
- EEX 5750 Communication with Parents and Agencies (3 credits hours) Summer*
- EEX 6017 Typical and Atypical Applied Child Development (3 credit hours) Fall*
- EEX 6222 Observation and Assessment of Young Children (3 credit hours) Summer*

* Term offered

Admission Information

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Student Application Deadlines
- Fall - July 15
- Spring - December 1
- Summer - April 15

A completed Graduate Application package includes the following:
- Application for Admission
- $30.00 UCF Application fee
- Official Transcript
- Residency Classification form
- Student Health Services Form, including immunization records

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