# ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH THE UNO EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSIVE (ECI) PATHWAYS

#### Are you ready to take the next step in your early childhood journey?

Three flexible degree Early Childhood Inclusive (ECI) degree Pathways prepare individuals to earn Nebraska teacher certification to work with children from birth to grade three in inclusive settings. — Perfect for a wide range of learners—whether you're new to the field or seeking career advancement!

#### Why Choose an ECI Pathway?

- High-quality coursework from experienced educators & practitioners
- Strong partnerships with local school districts & community organizations
- Ongoing coaching and mentoring support
- Certification to teach Birth-Grade 3 in general and special education, or serve as early Interventionists

### **TRADITIONAL**

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECI (BECI)

- 120 credit hours completed with a 2.75 GPA
- On-campus courses with assigned practicum experiences, including full-day, full-semester clinical practice in a metro-area school

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Complete admission application and background check;
- For transfers: require 2.50 GPA

# **ECI PROFESSIONAL**

# BECI FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL

- Evening, weekend, and online/hybrid courses with summer start; 2-3 courses per term; cohort model; complete in 2.5 years (required)
- Practicum embedded in current work setting

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Hold an associate's degree or majority of core Gen Ed (>50 credit hours); 2.50 GPA
- Maintain full-time employment in early childhood setting

### **GRADUATE**

# POST-BACCALAUREATE INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- Flexible pacing with weekend and online/hybrid course options
- Practicum completed through current employment

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Apply as a graduate student with bachelor's degree, prerequisites, and a 3.00 GPA
- Maintain full-time early childhood employment during the program

# **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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