The Master of Arts Degree in Education with an Option in Early Childhood/Primary Education offers candidates the opportunity to focus on practical classroom application in early childhood education based on current theory and research. It allows candidates to develop their knowledge and skills in a variety of topics related to early childhood education. This program requires a minimum of 45 units.

**Required Core (12 units)**
- EDCI 560 Principles and Practices of Curriculum in Urban Schools (4)
- EDEL 589 Seminar: Elementary Education (4)
- EDFN 500 Evaluation of Educational Research (4)

**Required Courses (28 units) – Select from the following:**
- EDEL 432 Teaching Mathematics for Early Childhood (4)
- EDEL 461 Curriculum Procedures and Materials for Early Childhood Education (4)
- EDEL 463 Preschool-Kindergarten Education: Language and Literacy (4)
- EDEL 466 Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood Classroom: Needs and Opportunities (4)
- EDEL 467 School/Family/Community Partnerships in Urban Learning (4)
- EDEL 560 Design and Management of Early Childhood Public Educational Programs (4)
- EDEL 563 Seminar: Issues and Trends in Early Childhood Education (4)
- EDEL 564 Seminar: Advanced Methodologies in Early Childhood Education (4)
- ULRN 462 The Role of Playing in Learning (4)

**Directed Electives (5 units) – Select from the following:**
- CHDV 422 Administration of Preschool and Day Care Program (5)
- EDCI 527 Issues and Trends in Using Children’s Literature (4)
- EDCI 552 Scientific Processes and Authentic Assessment Strategies (4)
- EDEL 405 Proseminar: Language Development in the Elementary Classroom (3)
- EDEL 412 Emergent Literacy (4)
- EDEL 424 Methods of Using Educational Drama in the Classroom (4)
- EDEL 473 Storytelling for Teachers (4)
- EDEL 554 Research in Thematic Science: Integrating Language Arts, K-7 (4)
- EDEL 597 Graduate Directed Research (1-4)
- EDEL 598 Graduate Directed Study (1-4)
- EDSP 512 Building Partnerships in Special Education (2)
- EDSP 514 Assessment of Infants and Young Children with Special Needs (4)
- EDSP 515 Planning Programs for Exceptional Infants and Young Children (4)
- EDSP 517 Advanced Issues in Early Childhood Special Education (4)

**Comprehensive Exam (0 units)**
- EDEL 596 Comprehensive Examination (0)

**Minimum Units** 45

(It is each student’s responsibility to check the Future Course Offerings in the Schedule of Classes for verification of quarter(s) in which courses will be offered.)

**Admission Requirements:**
- Admission to CSULA.
- A 2.75 grade point average in the last 90 quarter units attempted.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- Successful completion of EDEL 405 or its equivalent.
- A valid teaching credential issued by California or any state or two years experience teaching young children is recommended.
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