

Admission Requirements

What can I do to get started in Early Childhood (EC) Program at UNH?

→ Review the checklist below for program requirements.

_____ **Upper Division Course in Child Development (or Human Development)**. These are courses designated for junior, senior or graduate-level students. (Courses taken for freshman, sophomore or at the community college level do not meet this requirement.)

_____ **200-hours experience* with young children** that is supervised by a licensed early childhood or education professional. It is anticipated that this requirement will be met through paid employment. The following areas qualify. Please check at least one below:

___ Licensed teacher (PreK-12)

___ Experience with young children (e.g., licensed day care, after school programs, etc.).

___ Classroom- or home-based teaching experience

___ Course work with supervised field experience

* If you are unsure whether your experience qualifies you, contact the EC Program Coordinator.

_____ **Praxis Core Scores** (request the scores to be sent to UNH Graduate School; **code: 3922**)

_____ **3 Letters of Recommendation** (2 that speak to your ability to do graduate-level work and at least 1 that speaks to your ability to work with children)

What if I don't currently have all the requirements outlined above?

→ If you lack the upper division child development course, now is the time to enroll in that course. You can work toward fulfilling this requirement while filing your application. There are several UNH courses that will meet this requirement:

- EDUC 701 or 801 Educational Psychology: Human Development and Learning
- PSYC 581 Child Development
- FS 525 Human Development

What are additional requirements for an international student?

→ In addition to the above requirements, you need to submit your TOEFL score.

What if I want to try out Graduate School before applying?

→ Students can take up to 12 credits as a non-matriculated student prior to admission to graduate school. The credits will be transferred to our grad school once you are accepted to our program. So while you prepare your application, sign up for your first class in our graduate program in Early Childhood. Not sure which one to take? Contact the Early Childhood Program Coordinator, who will advise you.

How do I apply?

→ **E-mail the Coordinator** of the Early Childhood program (Dr. Eun Kyeong Cho, Eunkyeong.Cho@unh.edu) for an interview date to discuss program options. Let us know you are interested.

→ **Visit UNH Graduate School website** (<https://www.gradschool.unh.edu/apply.php>) to submit your materials.

- A. Application form (available from <https://www.gradschool.unh.edu/apply.php>)
- B. Transcripts (of all higher education institutions attended)
- C. Personal statement
- D. Praxis Core scores
- E. 3 letters of recommendations