

## Teach in 12 | Early Childhood Education

Our Early Childhood candidates play together, learn together, and grow together while helping young children do the same. Learn in our unique university child care center and discover new ways of teaching from partners at the Magic House, the LUME institute, and other top early child education providers in the city.

Personal success in one career can lead to a desire to seek out a new career that makes a difference in the lives of others. Many career changers find great fulfillment as teachers. No other profession can so fully empower you to directly and immediately impact our young people and our communities.

Those who have a bachelor's degree in any area may be eligible to earn Missouri Teacher Certification at the UMSL College of Education through our innovative accelerated "Teach in 12" programs.

### What to Expect

#### Courses

ELE ED 6337 Teaching & Learning Literacy in Elementary School  
 TCH ED 5310A Instructional Design: Lesson Planning  
 TCH ED 5001 Advanced Middle Level Clinical Experience  
 SPEC ED 6325 Adv Stds in Classroom and Behavior Mgmt  
 ECH ED 6412 Foundations of Early Childhood Education  
 ED PSY 6215 Adv Stds in Early Childhood Development  
 ECH ED 6348 Understanding and Supporting Children's Math and Science Inquiry  
 ELE ED 6338 Literacy Assessment for Guided Instruction  
 ECH ED 6535 Assessment, Curriculum, and Research Practice: Birth through Grade 3  
 ECH ED 6536 Early Childhood Pre-Primary Practicum  
 SPEC ED 6412 Psychology of Exceptional Children  
 ED PSY 6030 Instruction, Learning, and Assessment  
 ED TECH 6135 Technology for Preparing Inquiry-Based Teaching  
 TCH ED 6565 Enriching Learning w/ Multicultural Arts/PE/Health  
 TCH ED 6566 Cross-Curr Content w/ Multicultural Arts/PE/Health  
  
 ECH ED 5989 Practicum One: Site-Based Experience  
 ECH ED 5990 Practicum Two: Site-Based Experience

#### Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA)

[Missouri Content Assessment \(MCA\)](#)  
[Missouri Educator Profile \(MEP\)](#)  
[Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment \(MoPTA\)](#)

#### Clinical Experiences

20 clock hours working in a [community agency](#)  
 15 clock hours working in a school  
 64 clock hours working in the [UCDC](#) at UMSL  
 2 site-based practicum courses immersed in a [Studio School](#)  
 Practicum One: 2 days per week working as a Triton Teacher  
 Practicum Two: 4 days per week working as a Triton Teacher

#### Unique Resources and Innovations

Launch session to build community, provide early guidance, and share essential information  
 Grand Seminars and Collaborative Exchanges throughout the practicum experiences

- Applicants for any post-baccalaureate certification program must already hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Any teacher candidate aspiring to enter the "Teach in 12" accelerated path must first pass the Missouri Content Assessment appropriate to her or his area of certification.
- The accelerated path requires intensive study, immersive experiences, and large investments of time and effort. Candidates who enter the "Teach in 12" pathway will be unable to maintain concurrent professional commitments.