



## ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

# EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Whether you're already working as an early childhood professional or are interested in becoming one, you can benefit from this highly ranked degree program.

Our program is a great option for completing your degree or enhancing your skills for career growth. You'll gain exposure and experience in various preschool settings through required observation hours. Students typically complete these hours at their current workplace.

## YOU HAVE AN EPIC STORY TO TELL

College should be more than just getting a degree. At RU, we prepare you for your professional and personal future. Our combination of general education classes — in addition to your major courses — will give you **equipment for living** so that you can live an **EPIC** life.

**EXPLORE.** Understand the world in all its beauty, diversity and complexity.

**PREPARE.** Gain knowledge and skills to serve in your business or organization.

**INTEGRATE.** Connect and apply knowledge in your professional and personal life.

**CALLING.** Discern what God has called you to be and do.



## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

This online, accelerated completion degree program is designed to help you complete your degree and continue to work in the early childhood field.

Courses cover:

- Child development and learning
- Family education and advocacy
- Recognizing and serving children facing challenges
- Diversity topics in early childhood
- Leadership and administration in early childhood
- Children's literature
- Legal topics in early childhood education

Several of the courses require observation hours, providing you with experience in the preschool setting. Students typically complete these hours at their current workplace.

We partner with T.E.A.C.H.

### Please Note

For this major, a criminal background check is required before being accepted to the university.

The early childhood studies program does NOT lead to any teacher certification.



## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

After completing this program, graduates will be proficient in:



Promoting child development and learning



Building family and community relationships



Observing, documenting, and assessing to support young children and families



Teaching and learning



Becoming a professional

## WHAT ABOUT MY CAREER?

After completing this program, graduates will be eligible to be a:

- Lead teacher in a Great Start Readiness Program
- Lead teacher in a Head Start
- Lead teacher in any other private or public program serving children from birth to age five.
- Program administrator in an agency that advocates on behalf of children and families, or a supervisor of individuals with an associate's degree working in the same facility.

## WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY



Lyn Weiss  
Class of 2020

*"I chose the ECS program at RU because it was a quicker and more efficient way of getting my degree while working. I prefer online classes with smaller groups rather than a [large] university. This program is very beneficial to becoming a future educator and it pushes you harder to focus and succeed due to the acceleration of the courses."*



## MISSION

**Rochester University prepares students for professional and personal success as they serve in God's world.**

## PROGRAM RECOGNITION

- 2021 Ranked #1 Best Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education by Study.com
- 2021 Ranked #3 Best Online Bachelor Degree Programs in Early Childhood Education by Study.com
- 2021 Ranked #1 Best Early Childhood Education Schools in Michigan (Undergraduate) by Plexuss.com
- 2020 Ranked #1 Best Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood Education by Study.com



**PREPARING TEACHERS WHO SERVE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS**