**What is Birth-Kindergarten?**

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*Birth-Kindergarten involves the application of early childhood theory to meet the needs of children’s social emotional, physical, and intellectual needs in a variety of settings.*

PROGRAMS

* Undergraduate
* *Professional Education Concentration 120 hours*

*– Early Childhood Concentration 120 hours*

* *Alternative Licensure Individualized*

*Plan*

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

* Birth Kindergarten Program Admission Requirements:
  + *Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75*
  + *60 hours towards a two-year Associates Degree*
  + *OR have substantial progress towards the “44 General Core” courses that satisfy the General Education/Liberal Studies requirement for a NC Community College*
  + *OR complete an Associates of Arts (A.A.) or Associates of Science (A.S.) from an accredited community college*
  + *OR complete an Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) from an accredited community college*
* Alternative Licensure: This program is for those who already have a 4 year, non-education degree and are seeking a NC Standard Professional teaching license and have a minimum GPA of 2.75

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* Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
* SACS (Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)

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Career

Public school teacher

Preschool teachers

Early Childhood teacher

Early Childhood Center Director

Early Interventionist

Child Service Coordinator

Child Advocate

Resource and Referral

NOTEWORTHY

* B.S. Requirements: (120 hours)
  + *Liberal Studies (42 hours)*
  + *Birth-Kindergarten Core Courses (30 hours)*

*– Professional Education Concentration Courses (39 hours)*

* + *Early Childhood Concentration Courses ( 30hours)*
  + *Elective hours (9-15 hours)*
* The Birth-Kindergarten Program is 100% online.
* Internships for the Professional Education Concentration can be completed in 3 different settings: Public Kindergarten, NC Pre-K, or Head Start.
* Courses offered Fall, Spring and multiple semesters in the summer.
* The average class size is 25 students.
* Many classes have multiple ways to meet with your teachers in a synchronous environment through Live Class Sessions and other software.
* Enrollment in the Birth-Kindergarten Program (Fall 2012): 250