

Western Carolina University
 Bachelor of Science/Birth-Kindergarten/
 2+2 **Professional Education Concentration**- Online Program
 Name _____ Student ID Number _____

It is the student's responsibility to assure that all requirements are met.

Course:	Term	Grade
<u>Core Courses:</u>		
BK 361- Environments for Young Children (3)		
BK 470- Early Childhood Curriculum (3)		
BKSE 345-Adaptations and Modifications for Young Children with Disabilities (3)		
BSKE 415-Promoting Social-Emotional Competence (3) Total: 12 credit hours		
<u>Professional Education Concentration:</u>		
BK 312 - Kindergarten Curriculum (3)		
BK 316 - Mathematics and Science (3)		
BK 410 – Literacy in Preschool and Kindergarten (3)		
BKSE 313 - Assessment of the Young Child (3)		
BKSE 412-Interagency Planning (3)		
BKSE 427 – Teaching Reading to Individuals with Mild to Moderate Disabilities (3)		
<u>Internship Courses:</u>		
BK 473 – Internship in Early Childhood Assessment (4)		
BK 483-Internship II (10)		
BK 496- Seminar (3)		
All students must apply for Internship courses the semester before enrolling in internship.		
BK 483 and BK 496 are to be completed together in the same semester after all coursework has been completed.		
Approved internship sites include: NC Pre-K classrooms, NC public school Kindergarten classrooms, and Head Start (not Early Head Start) classrooms.		
Total: 35 credit hours		
Elective courses – 0 hours:		
Apply for NC Standard Professional I License – http://teacherlicensure.wcu.edu		

Other requirements:

- Birth-Kindergarten majors must earn a C or above in all BK and BKSE course required in the major.
- Birth-Kindergarten majors must maintain an overall Grade Point Average of 2.75 in all BK Major courses.
- Birth-Kindergarten Majors are responsible for all information posted on the BK Support Site, BK Handbooks, and WCU Catalog.
- The requirements for **continuing in the program** are 1) a GPA of at least 2.75 on hours attempted; 2) behavior which adheres to the code of ethics of the profession and the North Carolina BK Standards (https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/N/ncpre-k_nc_bk_speciality_standards.pdf); and 3) satisfactory participation in the required professional field experiences, which are prerequisite to internship.
- Students in the Professional Education Concentration must be **admitted to Teacher Education** and are subject to all of the Teacher Education requirements which include the PRAXIS I Core. Though there are other program requirements that may be taken, **BK 250 is the only course in the professional education sequence that may be taken before admission to teacher education.** The BK professional education sequence includes all courses in the Professional Education Concentration. Admission to Teacher Education requirements can be found at <http://teacheradmission.wcu.edu>.

Note: Many BK and BKSE courses have some level of field experience that require additional time beyond class meetings and assignments. Consider time for field experiences when planning your schedule.