B.A. in Preschool Education

Many educators and social researchers are placing increased importance on understanding and shaping the early development of a child – from birth to age five. The current educational and social systems of the United States provide educators with the opportunity to systematically interact with a tremendous number of young children at day care centers and preschools. With proper training, professional preschool educators can greatly facilitate a child's growth, socialization and integration into family, social and school environments. Through the use of proper intervention and educational strategies, these professionals can help to solve or prevent problems that may be manifested by children prior to entering school.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the B.A. in Preschool Education at Jose Maria Vargas University, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the knowledge acquired by functioning independently in a classroom setting.
2. Differentiate the theories of childhood development as well as the factors that influence typical and atypical child development.
3. Develop an individual teaching philosophy based upon various educational philosophies and approaches.
4. Create educational environments for preschool settings.
5. Produce lesson plan to promote the development of children with and without special needs in all the developmental domains as well as select and adapt the instructional strategies and materials to assure best Developmentally Appropriate Practices.
6. Identify strategies to create and maintain partnership with parents and the community.
7. Use quantitative and qualitative analysis to evaluate and draw conclusions about different educational issues and research studies.
8. Interpret observations and assessments instruments to document child development and environments to create spaces and meaningful activities to encourage progress in the developmental domains.
9. Explain a school system history, organization, structure, and administrative functions involved in its operation.
10. Use technology to support learning and communication.
11. Apply a professional code of ethics in classroom situations.
12. Advocate for the children and their families

This program is offered exclusively in English or in Spanish.

Program Delivery

Students enrolled in the B.A. in Preschool Education will complete at least 51% and up to 99% of the coursework online. At least 1% of the course will be offered on campus.

DISTANCE LEARNING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Technological requirements for Distance Education Students:

Students must have ready access to all standards outlined. Additionally, some courses require the ability to   download and install software.

It is recommended that students need to have basic technological proficiency. Assignments may include, but

are not limited to, word processing, document creation, digital slide presentations, and recording video   presentation. Students that don't have the basic technological proficiency can benefit from the university's   optional offered trainings in the mentioned areas.

Devices

- A Desktop or laptop device is necessary to complete the coursework.
- Desktop or laptop device must have Windows 8/10 or MacOS 10.10 or above and the capability of producing sound via speakers or headphones.
- Mobile devices may be used for some, but not all, LMS functions. A mobile device cannot replace a desktop/laptop.

Connectivity

- High-speed Internet connection: Cable, DSL, etc.
- Internet Web Browser (Firefox, Internet Edge, Safari, or Google Chrome).
- Personal or university e-mail account.

Recommended creation/processing software

- Word Processor (MS Word, Google Docs, etc.).
- PDF Reader (Adobe Acrobat Reader or Apple Preview).
- Additional software may be required for certain courses.

Students privacy:

Student privacy is very important to the university. Students the university FERPA statement located university website under the consumer disclosures tab in the financial aid section. Students may also review the student records section of the university catalog pages 79-80 for more information on privacy.

Verification of Identity Protection:

During the admissions process students will be asked to provide a copy of their state or government issue ID. After students begin their program they will be required to upload a face picture to their Vargas Portal profile. Student identities will be verified and their privacy protected through the use of a student a unique username and password during the Admissions process. The Admissions and Financial Aid Offices will verify incoming student documentation. Student privacy will be protected through the https secure connection of the Vargas Portal. Students will login online and

agree through a student agreement that they are the sole users of the course materials. Students will be ask to submit their assignments on the Vargas Portal.

Additional Distance Education Fees:
There are no platform access fees, online library access fees, fees associated with identity verification and the course textbooks maybe purchased by the students on amazon.com and other online retail stores. If students desire the university to purchase the course textbooks for the student, the university will charge the cost of the book plus $30 to the student account. Through the Vargas Portal students will be able to pay the charges, if they desire the university to buy the books for them.

Graduation Requirements
The B.A. degree in Preschool Education requires a minimum of 130 credit hours to graduate, distributed as follows:

I. General Education Requirements (Lower Level Courses) (Semesters I – IV)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	CORE/REQUIRED	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
SLS 1601	ORIENTATION & STUDY AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0

Area of Communications: (requirement of all 4 courses for 12 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
ENC 1000	Oral & Written Communication	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
ENC 1101	Composition I	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
ENC 1102	Composition II	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
SPC 1053	Oral Expression	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

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Area of Mathematics: (requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
MAC 1105	College Mathematics I - Algebra & Geometry	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
MAC 1114	College Mathematics II - Geometry & Trigonometry	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

Area of Social Sciences: (requirement of any 1 courses for 3 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
WOH 1001	World History	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
ECO 2000	Economics	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
SYD 3021	U.S. Populations	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
PCB 304	People and the Environment	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
GEA 223	Geography of America and Eurasia	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0

Area of the Natural Sciences: (requirement of any 2 courses for 6 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
BSC 1085	General Anatomy and Physiology	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
BSC 1005	Biology	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
CHM 1025	General Chemistry	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
PHY 248	General Physics	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
MCB 2240	Etiology of Diseases	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0

Area of Humanities and Art:(requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
ARH 2000	Art Appreciation	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
ARH 2010	Art History	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

Area of Behavioral Sciences: (requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
PSY 2012	General Psychology	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
SYG 2000	General Sociology	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

Area of Philosophy:(requirement of all 3 courses for 9 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
PHI 2030	Contemporary Philosophical Issues	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
PHI 2600	Ethics	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

II. Professional Education Requirements (Upper Level Courses)

Semester V: (Requirement of 20 CR) Required:

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
EDF 1005	Introduction to Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2001	Introduction to Preschool Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EDF 3209	Fundamentals of Curriculum	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EDA 3052	Educational Administration or EEC 1520 Professional Child Care Management	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2940	Preschool Internship I	RESIDENTIAL	Core/Required	2.00	0	2
EEC 1601	Observing, Recording and Guiding Children's Behavior	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EDF 4411	Educational Statistics or STA 201 Introduction to Statistics for Health and Social Sciences	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0

Semester VI: (requirement of 20 CR) Required:

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
DEP 3212	Developmental Psychology or EEC 1000 Child Growth and Development	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2300	Preschool Instructional Methods and Materials or EDG 3931 Instructional Methods and Materials	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0

EEC 3204	Preschool Curriculum or EEC 1202 The Child Care Curriculum	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2941	Preschool Internship II	RESIDENTIAL	Core/Required	2.00	0	2
EEC 3276	Identification and Remediation of Developmental Disabilities in Preschool Children	ONLINE	Core/Required	2.00	2	0
CHD 4425	Infant Development	ONLINE	Core/Required	2.00	2	0
EEC 4242	Children's Art	ONLINE	Core/Required	2.00	2	0
EDG 327	Teaching Diverse Populations	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0

Semester VII:(requirement of 20 CR) Required:

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
EDP 3212	Psychology of Learning	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EME 4044	Introduction to Education Technology	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EDG 4930	Methodology of Teaching	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 4944	Preschool Internship III	RESIDENTIAL	Core/Required	4.00	0	4
EEC 4267	Planning Techniques for Preschool Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	2.00	2	0
LIN 417	Language Development in Preschool Children	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
MAE 413	Logical Mathematical Thought in Preschoolers	ONLINE	Core/Required	2.00	2	0

Semester VIII: (requirement of 15 CR) Required:

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
PHI 4678	Professional Ethics in Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	2.00	2	0
EEC 4945	Supervised Student Teaching - Internship IV	RESIDENTIAL	Core/Required	10.00	0	10
PHM 4600	Philosophy of Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0

Electives (requirement of 4 CR - choice of 4):

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
EEC 440	Developing Family Involvement in School	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
EDF 331	History of Education	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
HSC 2400	First Aid & CPR	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
EEX 3094	Autism	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
MUE 331	Elementary Music Education	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
EEX 4070	Mainstreaming	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
EEC 335	Development of Creativity in Preschool Children	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0

THE 336	Children's Theater	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
SOW 424	Social Programs for Preschool Children	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
LAE 414	Children's Literature	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
CHD 1330	Children's Literacy and Language Arts	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
PET 417	Psychomotor Skills and Bodily Movement	ONLINE	Elective	1.00	1	0
TOTAL				**130.00**	**112**	**18**
					Total Distance Education 88%	

- Successful completion of the university career services requirements.