



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH
UNIVERSITY®

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Master of Arts and Ohio Early Childhood Educator License (Pre-K to Grade 5)

www.msj.edu/gradEC

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Graduate programs at the Mount have a strong reputation of innovation, quality, and academic excellence. Class sizes enable faculty to create valuable connections between learning, research, and the professional work environment. MSJ graduate students appreciate the consistent interaction with faculty, both as educators and mentors.

LEARN MORE

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Scan the QR code to learn more about Early Childhood Education.

CHANGE LIVES, IMPACT COMMUNITIES, AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD

At the Mount, we will do more than prepare you to teach.

Our mission and our “why” is to prepare each of our students to change lives, impact communities, and transform the world. For nearly 100 years we have been the program of choice for many talented educators. Here is how we do it:

Our faculty were successful teachers who want to help our students become great educators who make meaningful contributions in teaching and the promotion of human equity. They go beyond advising and serve as mentors who guide students through their college experience and prepare them for meaningful and dynamic careers in educational settings.

Our course work provides opportunities for students to independently make sense of new concepts and to collaborate with others to enhance learning. Classes integrate global issues and practical, real-world strategies, enabling our teachers to be a part of change at the local and global levels.

Our fieldwork occurs with purpose-driven partner schools and with educators who are passionate about their work. The Mount offers students the opportunity to earn a master’s degree and meet the requirements for an Ohio teaching license through two programs: the full-time Accelerated Master’s Early Childhood Program and the part-time Early Childhood Education Program. Both of these programs are for those who wish to teach pre-K through fifth grade.

98.4%
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
3 YEAR CAREER OUTCOMES RATE

98.4 percent of surveyed graduates in the School of Education reported that they were successfully employed, enrolled in graduate studies, or volunteering within six months of graduation.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must submit:

- A completed graduate application at www.msj.edu/apply.
- A letter of intent.
- A resumé.
- Contact information for two professional references.
- Official college transcripts showing a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0; a GPA below 3.0 requires completion of the GRE.

GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The School of Education at Mount St. Joseph University offers the following initial licensure programs for those already possessing a bachelor's degree:

- Early Childhood Education – PreK-5th grade
Option for dual-license with Special Education
- Middle Childhood Education – Grades 4-9
Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science
- Adolescent to Young Adult – Grades 7-12
Biology, Chemistry, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Integrated Science
- Multi-age Visual Arts – Grades K-12
- Multi-age Music – Grades K-12
- Special Education – Grades K-12
Option for dual-license with Early Childhood

MEET THE MOUNT

At Mount St. Joseph University, we're eager to provide you with the ideal college experience, one filled with transformative learning, lifelong connections, personal fulfillment, and career opportunity. Connect with our team and experience the dedication you can expect throughout your college journey.

It's never been easier to visit the Mount. Choose the way that fits your lifestyle: connect virtually, or come to our scenic campus overlooking the Ohio River, just 15 minutes from downtown Cincinnati. We're excited to have you meet with our world-class faculty and dedicated team of professionals. At the end of your visit, you'll fully understand how an MSJ education will empower you to become a competent, compassionate, critical thinker—ready to make meaningful impact on the world.

Go to www.msj.edu/visit to explore your options and select the visit format that meets your needs.

FULL-TIME ACCELERATED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

An accelerated 15-month Master of Arts degree Program with field work and Student Teaching

This intense and fulfilling program prepares students to enter the teaching profession through a learning and fieldwork format. A combination of coursework, two Practicums and a full semester of Student Teaching within the Pre-K-5 grade band immerses students in the teaching experience.

Program Benefits

- 12-hour Science of Teaching Reading core - One of only 18 universities rated at the A+ level by the National Council of Teacher Quality
- Completion of the Ohio Early Childhood Education licensure requirements in only 12 months.
- Master of Arts degree with a Major in Teaching can be completed in three additional months.
- Cohort group meets and works together throughout the program.

Program Details

- The program **begins in May** with four accelerated summer classes that are completed by August.
- During the academic year, students are embedded in 2 Practicums and are enrolled in two accelerated courses at a time.
- As the academic year comes to a close, students start to complete their master's degree course work (including a final integrative project).
- This Program has a Dual License offering. Once the Early Childhood License is earned, one class and one Practicum allows the students to earn the 2nd License in Special Education.

The recommended application deadline for the full-time program is April 1st.

Both programs have options for adding an Ohio Reading Endorsement, Ohio Pre-K Special Needs Endorsement, Ohio Teacher Leader Endorsement, and/or Ohio Gifted Intervention Specialist Endorsement.

PART-TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

A traditional Master of Arts degree Program

The part-time program prepares students to enter the teaching profession through a combination of course work with practicum experiences and student teaching. Students will earn licensure in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Arts degree with a Major in Teaching.

Program Benefits:

- Completion of the Ohio licensure requirements and Master's degree through a part-time commitment.
- Includes options for Ohio Reading Endorsement and/or Ohio Pre-K Special Needs Endorsement.
- Rolling admission; students can take up to five years to complete the part-time licensure and Master of Arts degree program.

Program Details:

- Students can start the program at any point during the year.
- During the academic year, students gain practical experience through 100 hours of practicum experiences during two semesters and 15 weeks of full-time student teaching during another semester.



Initial licensure programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.



A+ rating from the National Council on Teacher Quality



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