

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the VT-HEC EC/ECSE entrance requirements?

All applicants need to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts area. The VT-HEC EC/ECSE courses are graduate level courses.

Licensed educators may use the courses to add either the early childhood educator (birth—grade 3) or the early childhood special educator endorsement. For individuals who do not possess an educator license, the courses may be used in conjunction with the Peer Review process; support for these students is available.

Is any financial support available to Individuals?

No, unfortunately we do not have any financial support available but we can suggest some possible sources.

How do I apply to the program?

Contact Manuela Fonseca, VT-HEC-EC/ECSE coordinator at: manuela.fonseca@vthec.org and request an application.

Will my previous courses count towards the pathway to licensure?

Possibly. Courses that are comparable to the VT-HEC EC/ECSE courses may be considered in lieu of any required course. Documentation can be submitted to the program coordinator for review.

Can I begin now?

A new cohort begins June 2017. However, you may apply at any time to enroll to take the entire sequence of courses, or to take any course offered. There is a separate application process if you'd like to apply to LSC to complete the masters degree.

Can I take a course offered through VT-HEC EC/ECSE without signing up for the whole program?

Yes, you can enroll in any VT-HEC EC/ECSE course that is offered as long as there's space, but cohort members have priority over non-members in each course.

VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

EARLY CHILDHOOD & EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATOR PATHWAY TO LICENSURE PROGRAMS

The goal of the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative—Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Educator (VT-HEC EC/ECSE) pathway to licensure programs is to increase the number of licensed educators in these fields. These programs are specifically designed to be accessible and affordable for educators who are currently employed on a full-time basis. Courses are delivered through a hybrid model: 3-4 face-to-face classes per semester plus online work. In order to build a peer support system, these programs use a cohort model.

Features of VT-HEC EC/ECSE:

- Graduate level Lyndon State College courses
- Courses are aligned to the ECE or ECSE endorsement competencies.
- Licensure coursework lays the foundation for a masters degree in education.

FOR AN APPLICATION OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Vermont Higher Education Collaborative

Early Childhood & Early Childhood Special Educator Pathway to Licensure Programs

Programs Offered in Partnership with Lyndon State College

2018–2020 COHORT



**Description of the
Early Childhood Educator and
Early Childhood Special
Educator Pathway to Licensure
Programs offered through the
Vermont Higher Education
Collaborative & Lyndon State**

**Early Childhood Educator Pathway
to Licensure Program**

The Early Childhood Educator pathway to licensure program is an 18-credit graduate level program. The sequence of courses appears in the next panel.

Through an agreement with Lyndon State College, participants have the OPTION to continue beyond the courses and credits needed for licensure, and apply their work towards a master's degree in Education.

**Early Childhood Special Educator
Licensure Program**

The Early Childhood Special Educator pathway to licensure program is a 21-credit graduate level program. The sequence of courses appears in the second panel. As you'll notice, there is an overlap with some of the Early Childhood Educator courses.

This program also has an agreement with Lyndon State College so that participants have the OPTION to apply these courses towards a master's degree in Education.

**Early Childhood Educator
Licensure Program**

Summer 2018
Advanced Child Development

Fall 2018
**Curriculum Development in Early
Childhood Education**

Spring 2019
**Investigations in preK-Grade 3
Sciences & Social Studies**

Summer 2019
**Early Language and Literacy
Development**

Fall 2019
**Explorations in preK-Grade 3
Mathematics**

Spring 2020
**Teaching preK-Grade 3
Language Arts**

**Early Childhood Special Educator
Licensure Program**

Summer 2018
Advanced Child Development

Fall 2018
**Curriculum Development in Early
Childhood Education**

Spring 2019
**Introduction to Early Intervention/
Early Childhood Special Education**

Summer 2019
**Early Language and Literacy
Development**

Fall 2019
**Assessment in Early Intervention/
Early Childhood Special Education**

Spring 2020
**Planning, Supports, and Practices
in Early Intervention/ Early
Childhood Special Education**

Summer 2020
**Collaboration and Consultation in
Early Intervention/Early
Childhood Special Education**