About The Major

Early Childhood Education focuses on the academic, social, and cognitive skills that develop in children from birth through preschool. Helping teach and empower the next generation is rewarding at any level. Educators have the power to shape the future and make a large impact on the leaders of tomorrow.

Sample Course Work

- Dynamics of Human Development
- Development & Assessment of Young Children
- Methods of Teaching Early Literacy
- Child, Family, School & Community Relationships
- Language Development & Emergent Literacy
- Schools & American Society

Possible Careers

- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Education Specialist
- Day Care Provider
- School Social Worker
- Infant & Toddler Teacher
- Program Coordinator
- Elementary Teacher
- Literacy Coach
- Assistant Director
- Transition Specialist
- Family Support Coordinator

UNI Graduates: Where Are They Now?

- Self-Employed
- Waterloo Community School District
- Wake County Public School System
- Ankeny Community School District
- Dubuque Community School District
- Denver Public Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Des Moines Area Community College
- University of Northern Iowa
- Heartland AEA
- KinderCare Education
- Grant Wood Area Education Agency
- AEA 267

Skills Needed

- Problem-solving
- Patience
- Lesson planning
- Responsibility
- Creativity
- Discipline and decision-making
- Communication skills
- Mentoring
- Adaptability
- Imagination
- Teamwork