New cohort program to begin **Summer 2015**

**Endorsement**

**Early Childhood Education PK-3**

Endorsement 100 (PK-3 Teacher, Regular Education/Special Education) is the preferred endorsement for teachers who wish to work in the expanding statewide voluntary preschool program. Upon successful completion of this program, teachers will be able to teach in both inclusive and self-contained PK through 3rd grade classrooms.

**Program features**

This endorsement is now available through a post-BA program for individuals already holding an Iowa teaching license with a K-6 general education endorsement (102). The program requires completion of 15-16 units (undergraduate), depending on prior coursework. Coursework begins in June and students complete the program by August of the following year. The curriculum has been uniquely designed to help K-6 teachers become effective early childhood educators for children in both inclusive and self-contained preschool (birth through age five) classrooms.

The course sequence is designed to help participants learn how to:

- document and assess the growth and development of children from birth through age five
- create appropriate curriculum and learning environments for children from birth through age five
- make adaptations and accommodations for preschool and primary grade children with special needs
- create innovative and engaging curriculum for primary grade children

**Flexible learning for a busy life**

Courses are offered online using **eLearning**, a Blackboard learning management system requiring Internet access and a web browser. Courses also meet via **interactive video conferencing**, with sessions held on Tuesday nights. While most students encounter very few technical difficulties with our online courses, our team of support specialists is available to assist you as needed.

▶ see reverse side for more details

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**For more INFORMATION**

**UNI at a Distance**

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Course sequence (tentative)
All courses are offered entirely at a distance.
15-16 total units of credit • Units of credit in parentheses following course titles

SUMMER 2015
EDPSYCH 4109 Development and Assessment of Young Children (3)
ELEMECML 4159 Infant & Toddler Curriculum and Learning Environments (2)

FALL 2015
ELEMECML 4159 Integrated Curriculum in Inclusive Preprimary Classrooms (4)

SPRING 2016
ELEMECML 4159 Adaptations and Accommodations in the Preprimary & Primary Classrooms (2)

SUMMER 2016
ELEMECML 4159 Emergent Curriculum Methods for Primary Classrooms (2)
ELEMECML 4192 Practicum PreK (2)
ELEMECML 4192 Practicum Infant/Toddler (1)*

*Required for Elementary Education majors without Primary Student Teaching. Practicum must be completed at either the University of Northern Iowa Child Development Center or under the supervision of a licensed prekindergarten teacher (holding a standard license and appropriate early childhood endorsement) working in an infant or toddler room in a DHS licensed center with a QRS rating of four or five.

Delivery of this program is subject to minimum enrollment requirements.

Several courses include required field experiences in classrooms serving infants, toddlers and prekindergarten children. In order to do these field experiences, students must complete all required background check procedures mandated by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS)*

*We regret that background checks completed as part of the teacher licensure process or for employment in K-12 schools cannot be used to meet DHS background check requirements.

Invest in your future
All students pay the same tuition, regardless of location, making this program an affordable investment for advancing your career and increasing your earning power. Tuition for 2015-16 is $278 per unit of undergraduate credit, plus a technology fee of approximately $36 per course. Tuition and fees are expected to rise each May, as determined by the Iowa Board of Regents.

Take the NEXT STEP
VISIT distance.uni.edu/early-childhood-endorsement to complete an online interest form and receive further instructions on how to submit the department’s application. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible, due no later than June 1, 2015.

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