



Master of Science in Education
in Early Childhood
Application

For Office Use Only
Date Received:
Application
Application Essay
Supplemental Essay
Official undergraduate transcript
For consideration of transfer credits, official graduate transcripts and syllabi
Criminal History
Recommendation 1
Recommendation 2
Preferred start Date
Pacing (2, 3 or 4 year)

Last Name
First Name
Middle
Preferred First Name
Name on previous records
Date of Birth
Gender
Female
Male
Student ID
Best Email Address
Best Phone Number
Home mailing address

Program Preference

Preferred semester to start your graduate program:
Year

September
January
May

Application Due Dates*
August 10 for September
January 5 for January
April 10 for May

Pace: I prefer to complete the program in **2 years 3 years 4 years

* Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and will be considered when complete. Students may enroll in some courses as a non-matriculated student prior to acceptance into the program. Course availability and program enrollment may dictate pacing options available.

**Only available for applicants starting in the Summer or Fall of odd years.

Country of Birth: Are you a US citizen? Yes No

If you are a US Permanent Resident, indicate alien registration number and submit a copy (front & back) of your Permanent Resident Card. A#

(Optional) Universities are asked by the federal government, accrediting associations, and college guides, among others, to describe the racial/ethnic backgrounds of our students. To fulfill these requests, we ask you to answer the following questions:

Language(s) spoken at home Are you of Franco-American heritage? Yes No

Please indicate if you are Hispanic/Latino Yes No

Please select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself: American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Other

Education

Where did you receive your baccalaureate degree?

Institution _____ Degree In _____

Have you taken graduate level courses that you would like to submit for transfer into your concentration? Yes No
Only graduate courses in which you received a 3.0 or above and were taken in the last five years from a regionally accredited institution will be considered for transfer.

Institution _____ Course _____ Grade ____ Date Completed _____

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Please provide official transcripts (undergraduate and graduate) from all the above institutions, as well as syllabi for the graduate courses listed above. Official transcripts must be sent **directly** from the above institutions to the Office of Graduate Studies. *This office will obtain all UM System school transcripts (UMA, UMF, UMFK, UMM, UM, UMPI, and USM).*

Experience in Education

Number of years in early childhood education _____

Employer	Dates of Employment	Type of Program	Position	Ages of children <i>Check All that Apply</i>			
				0-3	3-5	5-8	8+
				0-3	3-5	5-8	8+
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Do you hold a current Maine Department of Education teaching certificate? Yes No

My endorsements are in the following areas _____

Background Check

Most courses require some direct contact with children, through observations, projects, and/or research. It is the responsibility of the student to have a clear criminal history and child abuse and neglect check. Students must provide current documentation to the Office of Graduate Studies. Any fee is the responsibility of the student. Documentation may be:

Please check which you are submitting with your application		
Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Two documents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maine Department of Health and Human Services clear check of substantiated Maine Child Protective Services Cases (this check must be initiated by the agency where you are employed) AND <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maine State Bureau Identification Maine Criminal History Check (this check can be obtained on your own)	Copy of current Maine DOE public teaching certification that indicates a Criminal History Check has been conducted	Copy of Initial Educational Approval from Maine DOE that indicates a Criminal History Check has been conducted

Recommendations

Two recommendation forms are required:

- One from current administrator, program director, or program owner. If you are a director or owner, include a recommendation form from an early childhood professional colleague
- One from a professional colleague

Application Essay

Applicants must submit an essay that will be reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee to evaluate your ability to organize your thoughts and write clearly, correctly, and creatively at a level required for graduate study. We consider your essay an important piece of information to help us make a decision. Essay will be evaluated for content and professional writing style, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary. 500 word limit. Please address all topics.

- Self Assessment:** Analyze the strengths, including career and leadership experience, that will contribute to your success in UMF's master's program. Articulate the knowledge and skills you wish to develop further.
- Vision and Values:** Describe your vision of high quality early childhood education in today's world and the values that guide your work with young children and the families.

Supplemental Essay: Required if BA/BS is not in Early Childhood or closely related field

Applicants who did not complete an undergraduate degree in early childhood or a closely related field (i.e. child development, early childhood special education, human development) must submit an additional essay in response to the following prompts. 500 word limit. Please address all topics.

- Describe a clear rationale for relevant preparation to enter an early childhood program at an advanced level of study (such as foundational knowledge and/or knowledge of current issues in the field)
- Summarize your work experience with children and families in birth to age eight programs.

Application Fee

Your application will not be considered complete until the program office receives the \$60 application fee. A check, money order, or purchase order from your school district must be made out to the University of Maine at Farmington.