The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) in Unified Early Childhood Studies (UECH) gives you a unique opportunity to serve children with and without identified disabilities or delays. The program has an interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares you to work in a variety of settings with children of diverse ability levels, from birth through age eight. With your courses in child development, early childhood special education, and parent-child relations, you can pursue a dual licensure in early childhood education and early childhood special education.

**Acquired Skills**

- Engage in hands on experiences with children.
- Participate in infant, toddler, and preschool placements in general education and special education classrooms and programs.
- Over 400 hours of working with children prior to student teaching.

**Why UMD**

- Graduates qualify for dual licensure in Early Childhood (birth - grade 3) and Early Childhood Special Education (birth - age 6).
- Small student to faculty ratio allows for more individualized attention.
- Integration of general education and special education curriculum throughout the program.
- Only bachelors level early childhood special education program in Minnesota.
- Integrated with the UMD on-campus child center.

UECH candidate classroom hours:

- Foundations Courses = 60 hours
- Block 1 = 96 hours
- Block 2 = 96 hours
- Block 3 = 210 hours
- Block 4, student teaching K-3 General Education, 12 weeks = 480 hours
- Block 5, student teaching Early Childhood Special Education, 12 weeks = 480 hours
- Grand total of 1422 hours in the classroom.

**Career Possibilities**

Entry level positions include K-3 General Education Teacher, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Child Advocate and Child Care Center Director. Advanced degree positions include Dean of Students, Principal, Academic Advisor and School Counselor.

**Scholarships**

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

UMD’s Education Department has over 25 scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $10,000. Scholarships vary in criteria and some are specifically for subject areas or students entering student teaching in the US or starting their student teaching abroad.
Student Clubs

- Education MN Student Association (EMSA)
- Access For All (AFA)

Faculty Highlights

Faculty participate in scholarly and service based efforts at the national, state and local levels. Faculty has combined experience 100 years in ech, ecse, infant mental health, administration, higher ed, and family ed. Faculty have won campus and college awards for outstanding teaching, advising, and service.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here’s a sampling of positions Unified Early Childhood Studies grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- English Language Teacher - CIEE: Council On International Educational Exchange, Thailand
- After School Enrichment Instructor & Manager - Cloquet Public Schools ISD 94, Cloquet, MN
- Early Childhood Teacher - Cromwell-Wright Public School ISD 95, Cromwell, MN
- K-5th Grade Special Education Teacher - Esko Public Schools, Esko, MN
- Early Childhood Special Education Teacher - Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, Prior Lake, MN

For more data see the Unified Early Childhood Studies Graduate Follow-Up Report.
For ideas about Unified Early Childhood Studies and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.