Additional advising information and contact information can be found at www.uncw.edu/ed/advising.

General information, degree requirements for all undergraduate majors in the Watson College of Education, and detailed requirements for admission are listed in the undergraduate catalogue online. The requirements for admission to the Watson College of Education are listed below:

**EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN: BIRTH – KINDERGARTEN**

For students pursuing education of young children, elementary education, middle grades education or special education programs, admission is required into the Watson College of Education before enrolling in education courses in the upper division (i.e., courses numbered higher than EDN 303 or SED 250). Requirements for admission are:

1. Completion of the University requirements in English, mathematics, and a science laboratory course with a grade of “C-” or better in each course.
2. Completion of introductory educational foundations coursework (i.e. EDN 200 and EDNL 200) with a grade of “C-” or better.
3. Completion of a minimum of 45 or more college credit hours with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.70 on a 4.00 scale on work completed at UNCW. Transfer students must earn a 2.70 on a minimum of 9 hours completed at UNCW.
4. Passing scores or exemption from teacher education entry tests specified and mandated by the Board of Education of the State of North Carolina.

Students with an SAT score of 1100 or higher (Math + Verbal) are exempt from the Praxis core exam. The Writing SAT score is not counted in the total of 1100 needed for exemption. Students with SAT scores of less than 1100, but with SAT scores of 550 or higher on Verbal are exempt from Praxis Core Reading and Writing, SAT of 550 or higher on Math are exempt from Praxis Core Math.

Students with an ACT composite score of 24 or higher are exempt from the full Praxis Core exam. Students with a composite score less than 24, but with a score of at least 24 on the English test are exempt from the Praxis Core Reading and Writing, ACT of at least 24 on the Math test are exempt from the Praxis Core Math.

The state of NC sets the licensing requirements. The Watson College of Education adjusts to accommodate new mandated competencies and guidelines. Students must meet the requirements in place at the time of their eligibility for admission to the Watson College of Education. Students are advised to check with their advisor or the Associate Dean’s Office to stay informed of programmatic changes.

Additional Praxis information: www.uncw.edu/ed/advising/praxis.html

**NOTES TO ADVISORS:**

1. Students are encouraged to declare Pre-Education as soon as possible.
2. Students do not need to have all University Studies completed before being eligible for admission to the Watson College of Education.
3. MAT 141 and 142 are recommended for Elementary, Special Education, and Middle Grades teaching math.
4. Students are encouraged to take the Praxis Core, if needed, by the end of their first semester, sophomore year.
**B. A. Education of Young Children Birth – Kindergarten (EYC)**  
*Watson College of Education*

Course requirements for all UNCW degrees include: (1) University Studies, (2) specific major requirements, and (3) sufficient elective hours for a combined total of a minimum of 124 hours.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - EYC** (Minimum 76 hours of interdisciplinary and EDN courses)

### Interdisciplinary Core: (16 hours)
- **EDN 200** Teacher, School and Society (3), Field Studies (1)
- **EDN 204** Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)
- **EDN 303** Instructional Technology (3) *(Meets Computer Requirement)*
- **PSY 220** Child Psychology (3) Prerequisite: PSY 105
- **SOC 345** Sociology of the Family (3) Prerequisite: SOC 105

### Interdisciplinary Specialty: (46 hours)
- **EDN 280** Play and Creative Arts (3)
- **EDN 302** Child Observation and Assessment (3), Field Experience (1)
- **EDN 382** Literacy Development in the Early Years (3) Prerequisite: EDN 204
- **EDN 383** Mathematics and Science for the Early Years (3) Prerequisite: EDN 204
- **EDN 424** Child Guidance (3) Prerequisite: EDN 204
- **EDN 430** Preschool Curriculum (3) Prerequisite: EDN 204, Field Studies (1)
- **EDN 450** Infant and Toddler Program Models (3), Lab (1) Prerequisite: EDN 204, NSG 345 or PSY 320, Corequisite: EDN 452
- **EDN 451** Adaptive Practices in Early Childhood (3), Lab (1) Prerequisite: EDN 204, SED 250 or PSY 322
- **EDN 452** Early Intervention (3) Prerequisite: EDN 204, SED 250 or PSY 322, Corequisite: EDN 450
- **EDN 460** Administration of Preschool Programs (3) Prerequisite: EDN 204
- **NSG 345** Health Maintenance Needs of Young Children (3) Prerequisite: HEA 201, 207, Corequisite: SOC 349
- **PSY 320** Psychology of Infancy and Early Childhood (3) Prerequisite: PSY 220 or 223
- **SED 250** Introduction to Special Education (3)
or
- **PSY 322** Developmental Psychopathology (3) Prerequisite: PSY 247
- **SWK 311** Child Abuse and Neglect (3)

### Professional Semester, Licensure Option: (14 hours)
- **EDN 463** Child, Family, and Teacher Relations (2) Prerequisite: EDN 204
- **EDN 465** Practicum in Education of Young Children (B-K) (12) Prerequisites: Admission to WSE, completion of all special area coursework, and 2.70 GPA on all work at UNCW *(Meets Oral Communication Requirement)*

**NOTE:** Admission to the Watson College of Education is required for enrollment in EDN/SED 300- and 400-level courses numbered higher than EDN 303 or SED 250. A grade of “C-” or better is required in education courses, as well as all courses in the interdisciplinary specialty and the professional semester. Students may repeat courses in which they earn a grade of “C-” or lower only with the permission of the dean of the Watson College of Education. A cumulative GPA of 2.70 is required for the practicum semester.

*These courses require a lab
+May also be used to satisfy University Studies Foundations & Approaches and Perspectives requirements

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**Requirements to declare PRE-Education:** Completion of 24 hours.
**Requirements to declare EDN major:** See UNCW Undergraduate Catalogue.
For further information, see the EDN website: [www.uncw.edu/ed/advising](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/advising) and [http://catalogue.uncw.edu](http://catalogue.uncw.edu).