

What is the EarlyEdU Alliance?

Our diverse national community is dedicated to improving higher education for early childhood teachers.

Our goals are to:

- Transform early childhood teacher preparation so that all children are prepared for success in school and life.
- Ensure that college coursework for early childhood teachers provides effective professional preparation.
- Work with our members to create and distribute resources that are inclusive and relevant for diverse populations.
- Increase access to affordable college degrees for early childhood teachers, especially those from underserved communities.

Our members include:

- A team of early childhood experts who developed and continue to refine competency-based higher education courses in early childhood education.
- Faculty and researchers who are creating innovative approaches to teacher preparation.
- Colleges and universities that are offering EarlyEdU courses and using the Coaching Companion, our video-sharing and coaching feedback app.
- State teams from government agencies and community organizations that are collaborating to improve access to college degrees for early childhood professionals.

How do our members advance our mission?

Here are some examples of what our members are doing:

- In Utah, EarlyEdU courses will soon be delivered through the state professional development system.
- In Montana, UM Western is using the Coaching Companion to help students in remote locations receive individual feedback on their teaching practices and build a supportive peer community.
- In Massachusetts, UMass Boston piloted the use of an EarlyEdU online course with an in-person course for hybrid delivery.
- In Washington, our media team continues to build our library of videos of early childhood experts discussing their research and examples of teaching practices in diverse early childhood settings.

EarlyEdU Courses

Each EarlyEdU course contains a complete syllabus with learning objectives, a schedule of sessions and topics, and recommended readings. Other features are videos of experts discussing their research, videos of effective teaching practices, competency-based assignments, and opportunities for students to reflect on their own practices and observe and provide feedback on their peers' work.

Foundational courses are:

- Applied Child Development*
- Child Observation and Assessment
- Resilience and Wellness for Educators*
- Becoming a Teacher Leader

Practice-based courses are:

- Positive Behavioral Support for Young Children*
- Supporting Language and Literacy Development in Preschool*
- Cognition and General Knowledge: Science, Math, and Logic and Reasoning*
- Children's Health and Well-Being
- Learning with Digital Media in Early Childhood
- Highly Individualized Teaching and Learning
- Supporting Dual Language Learners
- Practice-Based Coaching
- Engaging Interactions and Environments*

* Online version available

Why Join the Alliance?

Alliance membership offers:

- Free access to our courses, the Coaching Companion, and our video library
- Participation in a national network of early childhood experts, faculty, and policy makers
- Opportunities for collaboration to ensure that our materials and activities reflect the diverse communities we serve