A. **Professional Studies (9 hours)**
These courses may be taken at any time. Many sections are offered online. Summers are a good time to complete them.

**Select One (3):**
- EPSF 7100 Critical Pedagogy (3)
- EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education (3)
- EPSF 7120 Social and Cultural Foundations of Education (3)

**Select One (3):**
- EPRS 7900 Methods of Research in Education (3)
- EPRS 7910 Action Research (3)

**Select One (3):**
- EPY 7080 The Psychology of Learning and Learners (3)
- EPY 7090 The Psychology of Learning and Learners: The Young Child (3)

B. **Elementary Education Core Courses (9 hours)**
These courses are taken with a cohort in a continuous sequence. Students MUST start the sequence in the fall semester, and the courses run continuously over the fall and spring semesters. These courses are typically offered on Monday evenings.

**Required (9):**
- ECE 7390 Curriculum in the Early Childhood Classroom I- Literacy (3) (register in fall semester)
- ECE 7400 Curriculum in the Early Childhood Classroom II- Mathematics (3) (register in spring semester)
- ECE 7410 Critical Issues in Early Childhood Education I (3) (register in fall semester)

C. **Concentration (15 hours): Select ONE**
Students complete a concentration that can include an Endorsement. The continuously open Endorsements are K-5 Mathematics, Teacher Support and Coaching (TSC), and Literacy/Reading. Students also have the option of a Concentration in Dual Language Immersion (may lead to an Endorsement for teachers with a Level 4 or higher renewable professional certificate in a foreign language field). Concentrations that include cohort-based Endorsements requiring a group of at least 10 teachers are K-5 Science and STEM.

**Open Endorsements**

**K-5 Mathematics Endorsement (15 hours)**
**Endorsement Advisor: Dr. SUSAN SWARS AUSLANDER**
Candidates must have 1 year of teaching experience to be eligible to enroll in courses for the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement, but other courses in the program can be completed until then. The endorsement courses are held on Thursday evenings, with two courses offered in the fall semester
(ECE 7393 and ECE 7395) and two courses offered in the spring semester (ECE 7396 and ECE 7394).

**Required (15):**
ECE 7393 Whole Number and Operations in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in fall semester)
ECE 7394 Geometry and Measurement in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in spring semester)
ECE 7395 Rational Number and Algebra in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in fall semester)
ECE 7396 Data Analysis and Probability in the Elementary Classroom (3) (register in spring semester)
ECE 7740 Internship I (3) (Students must enroll in ECE 7740 concurrent with one of the following courses: ECE 7393, ECE 7394, ECE 7395, or ECE 7396.)

Successful completion of ECE 7393, ECE 7394, ECE 7395, ECE 7396, and ECE 7740 qualifies the student for the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement.

**Teacher Support and Coaching (TSC) Endorsement (Endorsement + other courses = 15 hours)**
**Faculty Contact:** Dr. BARBARA MEYERS
Candidates must have 3 years teaching experience before taking the TSC courses.

**Required (6):**
ECE 8400 Teacher Development
ECE 8680 Internship in Teacher Support

**Select Minimum of Three Courses (9):**
Students select courses from any of the endorsement courses or elect to add an additional endorsement. (Note: adding a second endorsement may require additional hours.)
Other courses as approved by the advisor.

Successful completion of ECE 8400 and ECE 8680 qualifies a student for the TSC Endorsement.

**Elementary Literacy Endorsement (15 hours)**
**Faculty Contact:** Dr. MONA MATTHEWS

**Required (6):**
EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Area (3)*
ECE 7740 Internship I (3) (Students must enroll in ECE 7740 concurrent with one of the following courses: EDRD 7630, EDRD 6600, EDRD 7600, EDRD 7550 or EDRD 7650.)

**Select One (3):**
EDRD 6600 Introduction to Methods of Reading Instruction (3)
EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy of Reading (3)

**Select One (3):**
EDRD 7550 Linking Literacy Assessment &Classroom Instruction (3)
EDRD 7650 Individual Literacy Assessment (3)
Select One (3):
ECE 7280 Early Writing Development (3)
ECE 7580 Language Foundations of Literacy Learning: From Acquiring Oral Language to Reading Words (3)
EDRD 7260 Early Literacy Development and Instruction (3)
Other courses as approved by the advisor.
(*Successful completion of EDRD 7630 and EDRD 6600 or 7600 and EDRD 7550 or 7650 and the Reading Endorsement portfolio qualifies an individual for the reading endorsement at the level of the base certificate.)

Open Concentration

Dual Language Immersion (15 hours)
Faculty Contact: Dr. CATHY AMANTI and LAURA MAY

Required (12):
ECE 7730 Perspectives on Child Development for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students (3)
ECE 7440 Biliteracy: Literacy Development in Multilingual Settings (3)
ECE 7397 Elementary Mathematics in Dual Immersion Settings (3)
ECE 7750 Content-Based Curricula, Instruction, and Assessment for Dual Immersion Classrooms (3)

Select One (3):
ECE 7740 Internship in Early Childhood Classroom
FORL 6030 Practicum in Foreign Language Education

Cohort-Based Endorsements (requires 10+ teachers)

K-5 Science Endorsement (15 hours)
Faculty Contact: Dr. RACHEL FIORE
Candidates must have 1 year of teaching experience to be eligible to enroll in courses for the K-5 Science Endorsement, but other courses in the program can be completed until then.

Required (12):
ECE 8420 Essentials of Elementary Science (3)
ECE 8430 Mastery of Elementary Science (3)
ECE 8440 Leadership in Elementary Science (3)
ECE 7740 Internship I (3) (Students must enroll in ECE 7740 concurrent with one of the following courses: ECE 8420, ECE 8430, or ECE 8440.)

Select One (3):
ECE 8400 Teacher Development (3) (Students must have completed ECE 7390, 7400, 7410, and 6 hours in the science concentration before enrolling in this course.)
ECE 7396 Data Analysis and Probability in the Elementary Classroom (3)
Other courses as approved by the advisor.
Successful completion of ECE 8420, ECE 8430, ECE 8440, and ECE 7740 qualifies the student for the K-5 Science Endorsement.

**STEM Endorsement (Endorsement + other courses = 15 hours)**

Faculty Contact: Dr. DAVID WOJNOWSKI

**Required (9):**
- ECE 8450 Nature of STEM (3)
- ECE 8455 STEM Project-based Instruction (3)
- ECE 8660 STEM Field Experience (3)

**Select Minimum of Two Courses (6):**
Students select courses from the K-5 Mathematics, Science, or TSC Endorsement courses or elect to add an additional endorsement. (Note: adding a second endorsement may require additional hours.)
Other courses as approved by the advisor.

Successful completion of ECE 8450, ECE 8455, and ECE 8660 qualifies the student for the STEM Endorsement.

**D. Capstone (3)**
The Capstone course is completed the final semester in which the student plans to graduate and with the approval of the advisor.

**Required (3):**
- ECE 7800 Capstone Experience (3)

**Additional Information**
The program is structured for completion at an individualized pace, thus accommodating the busy lives of teachers. It is suggested that students complete courses with an ECE prefix when they are offered. Courses are offered on the GSU campus, typically in the College of Education Building, and some of the courses are offered online.

The major advisor for students in the M.Ed. Program is Dr. Susan Swars Auslander (sswars@gsu.edu). Students should contact her each semester to plan for upcoming courses. To register for courses with an ECE prefix, students must request authorization by Mr. Kendall Jones (kjones@gsu.edu). Students should email Mr. Jones prior to registration with the course information for approval to take the courses.

Students are required to purchase Livetext to be used for submission of assignments in courses. To purchase Livetext, please visit this link on the Department of ECEE’s website: https://webpay.gsu.edu/C20797_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=43&SINGLESTORE=true