

Did You Know ?

After earning NYS teacher certification in childhood education grades 1-6, teachers may apply through the NYS Education Department TEACH website to add the early childhood Birth - Grade 2 certification. This certification is not granted through SUNY Oswego, but we offer elective courses to help you toward this goal.



To add the B-2 early childhood education certification, NYSED currently requires:

1. Completion of childhood education 1-6 certification
2. Course requirements must include **6 credits** in each of the following areas: scientific processes; mathematical processes; concepts in historical and social sciences; early childhood education\* coursework.
3. **\*Two approved classes (6 credits) specifically in early childhood, birth - grade 2\***
4. Pass the Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood Birth - Grade 2 Content Specialty Test  
[www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com)
5. Apply for the early childhood education certification through your TEACH account (fee required). Clarifying information can be found on the NYS Education Department website, [nysed.gov](http://nysed.gov)

\*SUNY Oswego offers two early childhood classes to prepare you toward applying for the NYS B-2 Early Childhood certification.

The two Early Childhood Education electives offered are:  
LIT 582 and ECH 383/583



ECH 383/583 Language Arts, Culture and Media for Young Children  
This course will build candidates' knowledge of children's literature, media, dramatic and visual arts, and music and movement education for young children, Birth-Grade 2.

\*Prerequisite: EDU 301

LIT 582 Teaching Literacy-Early Childhood  
This course will develop candidates' knowledge of early and emergent literacy development and effective instructional practices to be utilized with young children, Pre-K-Grade 2. This is a graduate level course. Undergraduate students must have senior standing, dual enrollment approval, instructor approval, and meet GPA requirements to be registered.

Talk to your advisor for more information.