

MS in Education, Early Childhood Education

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State Name	Credential Title	Professional Licensure Disclosure
Georgia	Professional Birth-5 Endorsement	Capella University's MS in Education, Early Childhood Education program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Georgia. Georgia accepts completion of a state-approved and accredited early childhood education program. Applicants must hold a level 4 or higher induction or professional teaching certificate and obtain a passing score on the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE), Birth-Kindergarten examination. Capella's program is approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Georgia applicants must hold a level 4 or higher induction or professional teaching certificate and obtain a passing score on the GACE Birth-Kindergarten exam, at their respective certificate level, prior to applying for the state license or endorsement. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or jurisdiction-specific) and licensure applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet jurisdiction-specific experience and ethical requirements for the profession.
Illinois	Endorsement for Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2)	Capella University's MS in Education, Early Childhood Education program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Illinois. Illinois accepts completion of 27-quarter credits in coursework specific to or inclusive of early childhood education and a passing score on the Early Childhood Education content test. Capella's program contains the state-specific content required for licensure. Illinois applicants must hold an Illinois Professional Educator License with an elementary middle grades, secondary, or special teaching endorsement and must obtain a passing score on the Early Childhood Education content test. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or jurisdiction-specific) and licensure applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet ethical requirements for the profession.
Minnesota	Early Childhood Education Endorsement	Capella University's MS in Education, Early Childhood Education program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Minnesota. Minnesota accepts completion of a Minnesota-approved early childhood education program. Capella's program is approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board. Applicants must hold a Minnesota teaching license. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the profession.
New York	Classroom Teacher, Initial Certificate, Early Childhood Education, Birth - Grade 2	Capella University's MS in Education, Early Childhood Education program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in New York. New York accepts completion of a comparable approved early childhood education teacher preparation program at a college in another U.S. state that would lead to an institutional recommendation for certification in the state the college is located and a passing score on the Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth–Grade 2) examination. Capella's program is approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board and Capella graduates are eligible to apply for the Minnesota Early Childhood Education endorsement. New York applicants must obtain a passing score on the Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth–Grade 2) exam, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50, and complete state specific workshops in Child Abuse Identification, School Violence Prevention and Intervention, and the Dignity for All Students Act from a New York State Education Department approved provider before applying for the credential. Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical state requirements for the profession.