PURPOSE OF PROGRAM
The Master of Arts in Early Childhood and Elementary Education is designed to allow students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills for effective instruction and care, leadership, and advocacy in early childhood and elementary education in a diverse society. The emphasis of this program is on integrating reflective practices with current research perspectives for practical applications. This program is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Students that complete this degree will be qualified to work in a variety of early childhood and elementary settings as classroom teachers (with necessary certifications), early childhood and elementary education curriculum specialists, and childcare directors and advocates. They can also serve with non-profit organizations, government agencies, and community agencies. The average salary of students completing this degree is $33,000-$50,000.

PROGRAM OPTIONS
The Master of Arts in Early Childhood and Elementary Education requires 33 (thesis) or 36 (non-thesis) semester hours for completion.

Student who attend part-time (6 hours each semester) complete the program in two to three years on average.

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In my first semester I was required to work in the Child Development Center. Such hands-on experience has broadened my outlook on what it entails to become an Early Childhood Practitioner.

-Ejiroghene Amadasun
CONTACT INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 from an awarded master's or bachelor's degree
- Be in good academic standing at the last institution attended
- Completion of 18 undergraduate credit hours in education or related field (including 12 upper-division level hours)**

* Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program’s Student Development Specialist and consult the Graduate School Catalog for more information, special, or conditional admissions

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School:
> graduateschool.utsa.edu

Send all USPS mail (transcripts, etc.) to:
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Attn: The Graduate School
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

Send electronic transcripts to:
- graduate.documents@utsa.edu

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA):
> studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:
> graduateschool.utsa.edu/tuition-funding/
> future.utsa.edu/scholarships/
> education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships

Cost of Tuition:
> utsa.edu/fiscalservices/ tuition.cfm