



Two online master's degree programs have been developed to help meet a need in North Carolina for an advanced degree option focused on early childhood leadership and management. Directors of programs serving young children as well as community agency leaders who work on behalf of young children have long expressed a desire to learn more about leading and managing early childhood programs – and to do so in a flexible way.

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is now offering an online Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Birth-Kindergarten Interdisciplinary Studies in Education and Development (BK:ISED), with an emphasis in Early Childhood Leadership & Program Administration. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington is now offering an online Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Leadership, Policy and Advocacy in Early Childhood. The two programs serve students spread across North Carolina representing almost all 100 counties. The first twenty-one students graduated from the two programs in Spring 2016.

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program is available to assist students with the cost of tuition for both programs. Most students depend on T.E.A.C.H. scholarships even though they are currently working in the field of early care and education. Students who are not eligible for these scholarships are also enrolling in the programs.

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What are students saying about the online Master's Degree Programs?

- My personal goals for education are being met through this program. Professionally, I feel that I am an inspiration to my teachers for taking classes that will improve my skills for working with families, especially those with at-risk children. Hopefully, I am inspiring teachers that we can all meet our educational goals, increase our knowledge, and serve children that need us the most. (UNCG)

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- I wrote a grant based on one of my classes and got it! It's one of the largest grants our agency has ever received, all because of this program. (UNCW)
- UNCG has done an amazing job at providing a high quality graduate program for working professionals. It has been wonderful learning under such a knowledgeable group of professors that all have seemed to be concerned for our professional growth and I feel confident that this program will provide me with the foundation to advance my career and knowledge to make a greater impact in early childhood.

UNCG's Program at a Glance

- Interdisciplinary program is jointly administered and run through the Departments of Human Development & Family Studies and Specialized Education Services
- Online synchronous program - classes run from 5 to 6:50 p.m. on the computer
- 37 credit hours
- Completed in two years (including two summers) for full time students; completed in three years for most part time students
- Individualized leadership internships during final semester
- Applications due Feb. 1 for fall enrollment

For more information about UNCG's program, go to: http://www.uncg.edu/hdf/graduates/MED_pgrm.html or <http://soe.uncg.edu/academics/departments/ses/ses-programs/master-of-education-in-birth-kindergarten-interdisciplinary-studies-in-education-and-development-bkised/>

UNCW's Program at a Glance

- Unique program with a focus on developing leaders, advocates, and public policy experts. Required courses are located in the Watson College of Education in the Departments of Educational Leadership and Early Childhood, Elementary, Literacy, Middle, and Special Education. Students also have opportunities to take courses in English as a Second Language, in the Cameron School of Business in conflict management, and the Department of Public Administration in non-profit management, to name a few.
- Classes are offered online and completely asynchronous.
- Each student completes a culminating project that contributes to the field of early childhood education.
- 36 credit hours
- Completed in two years (including two summers) for most students (taking two courses each semester).
- Individualized leadership internships and an option to experience early childhood programs in foreign countries through faculty-led study abroad internships.
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis (May 15 for fall admission, Oct. 15 for spring admission and March 15 for summer admission).

For more information about UNCW's program, go to: http://uncw.edu/ed/degree_grad.html. ■

