

# DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING AND CURRICULUM STUDIES

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The Department of Early Learning and Curriculum Studies prepares students to become educators of children and youth in a variety of early learning and educational settings. The department also provides students the opportunity to become effective human service managers and leaders. Faculty with strong connections to the field ensure students acquire the necessary professional practice skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen career.

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