Welcome!!!

Masters of Arts in Education, ECE Option & ECE Specialist Credential Orientation Agenda:

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Program Overview
- 3. Student Panel
- Faculty Panel
- 5. Course Mapping



Introductions - *Getting To Know You*

Please tell us your Name and for each color candy that you randomly selected (*report out*

on no more than three), please share:

Red - Favorite Hobbies

Orange - Favorite Place on Earth

Yellow - Favorite Movie or Song/Music

Green - Favorite Memory

Purple - Favorite Food

Blue - Wildcard (tell us anything about yourself!)



M.A.Ed., ECE Program Overview

Preparing Students to Achieve their Goals





Program At-A-Glance

M.A.Ed., ECE Option: 30 units

Courses:

M.A.Ed. Core: ERE 220* & CI 285

ECE Option: LEE 171, LEE 232, LEE 233, LEE 235,

<u>LEE 241, LEE 250,</u> & LEE 271

Advancement to Candidacy Form: Complete during the first 2 weeks of your NEXT-to-LAST semester in order to graduate.

Culminating Experience: Choose between option A or B:

- A. Comprehensive Exam [0 units] and an approved electives [3 units]
- B. <u>LEE 298B Project or Thesis [3 units]</u>

Courses:

M.A.Ed. Core: ERE 220* & CI 285

ECE Specialist Credential: 27 units

ECE Option: LEE 171, LEE 232, LEE 233, LEE 235, LEE 241, LEE 250, & LEE 271

Culminating Experience:

- A. Specialist Research Paper and Public Presentation completed during LEE 235
 - *Requires prerequisite (ERE153) [0 units]

Program Highlights



Opportunities & Recognitions:

- Research Assistant Opportunities
- Outstanding Thesis Projects
- Graduate Student Ambassador
- Dean's Merit Awardees

- Outstanding Faculty!
- NAEYC Accredited!
- Demonstration Centers!
- Phenomenal Students!



An Early Childhood Education MA Journey



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My Journey

- BS Biology/Ecology from Fresno State
- Biologist for the Department of Transportation for 10 years
- Nationally Accredited Infant and Toddler Program, 10 years
- Passionate interest in science in the early years using gardens
 and outdoor classrooms
- Married with two children. We love to read, travel, and spend our time outdoors!





Bliss Street Childcare & Early Education

- 2008 2018
- NAFCC Accreditation
- Continued education and professional development
- Play-based learning + science experiences
- Concerns about equity and access
- Addressing early education as a means to impact poverty
- Creating relationships with leaders in the field of early childhood education

Early
Education
Experiences







Coursework & Inspiration

- 1. Specialty Area Project
 - a. What was I already working on in my field?
 - i. Gardens and outdoor education
 - b. What interested me most in early childhood education?
 - i. Development
 - ii. Science
 - c. How could I expand on those interests?
- 2. Self-reflection
 - a. Reflected on the work that I was most interested in and connected that interest to my specialty area project.



MA Project Plan

I Advisor Approval

II IRB

III Present project to school districts

Surveys (All TK teachers in Sanger) Interviews and focus groups (4)

- Early experiences
- Access to funding and resources
- Time
- Professional Development
- Factors that influence success with science application
- Constraints



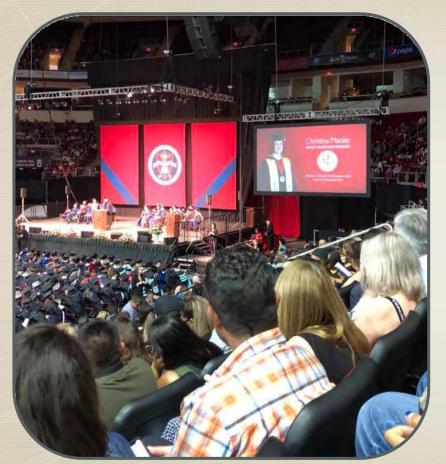






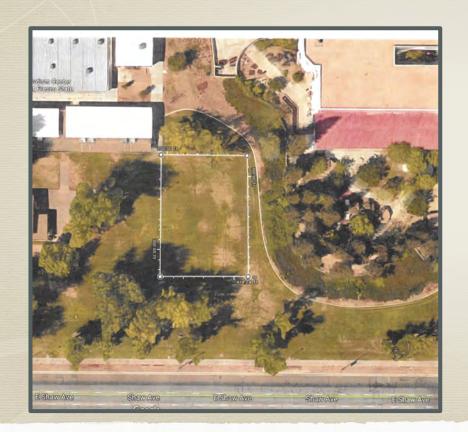
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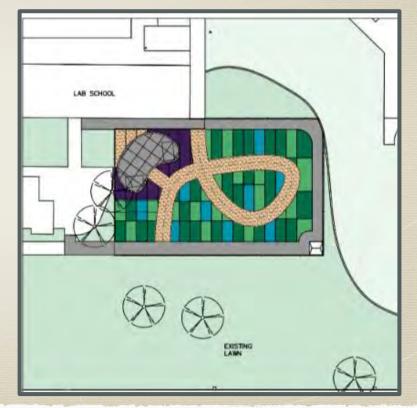
- Visit to seven demonstration gardens and school garden conferences
- 2. Bigger Ideas!
- 3. New project proposal to Kremen School of Education
- 4. Kremen School Demonstration Gardens & Outdoor Classroom Project
- 5. Phase 2: Revised MA project
- 6. Community Partnerships
- 7. Teaching Opportunities
- 8. New Goals!





What's Next?





How to turn your coursework into your master's Project or Thesis

Coursework Connections

- Align coursework and projects with your area of interest
- 2. Keep all literature reviews organized
- 3. Choose an advisor
 - a. Support
 - b. Ideas
 - c. Advocate

Network Connections

- 1. Mentors
- 2. Leadership
- 3. Conferences
 - a. Ventura County Farm-to-Schools
 - b. Outdoor Classroom Project
 - c. Life Labs!
- 4. Grants & Scholarships!

Advice



- 1. Stay organized
- 2. Maintain communication with advisors
- 3. Build relationships
- 4. Network
- 5. Focus on what you love
- 6. Take care of yourself and support your classmates
- 7. Dream big!



"You don't find your purpose - you build it." John Coleman









Questions?

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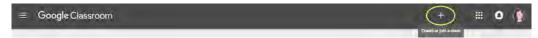
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ECE Program Google Classroom: classroom.google.com



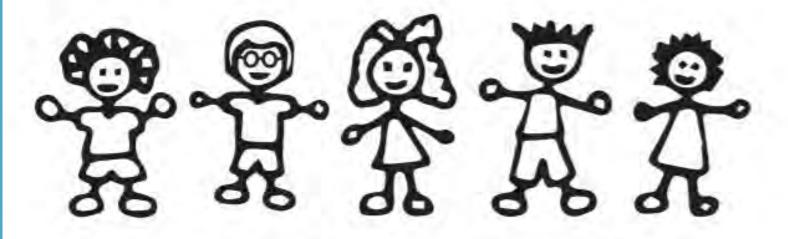


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Enter Classroom Code: ns53iv and Click Join

Early Childhood Education



and Development Club

ECED Club Goals

- Connect!
- Collaborate!
- Advocate!

Membership Requirements

- Fresno State Student
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Pay semester dues
- Attend our monthly meetings
- Be involved in our events!

National Night Out Event

August 7th, 2018











































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IG: eced_club_fresnostate

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Snapchat: eced_club



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Faculty Voices



Course Mapping

- Reviseable
- Pay careful attention to which semesters courses are offered
- Review with faculty member (sign off)
- Review with Program Coordinator (Scan doc)
- Keep hard copy for your records and to guide your registration process.

Fall 2018 Available Courses:

LEE 171 Trends and Issues in ECE

Dr. Benninga, Tues. 7-9:50PM

LEE 233 Curriculum and Assessment in ECE

Dr. Wu, Tues. 7-9:50PM

ERE 153 Educational Statistics

Recommend taking it with Dr. Wiechmann,
 Mon. 7-9:50PM or Fri. 4:30-9:50PM