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Alabama	Early Childhood Education P-3	<p>Alabama accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in early childhood education from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Alabama learners will first need to earn a Minnesota license with an Early Childhood Education endorsement before applying in Alabama.</p> <p>Applicants must hold an Alabama teaching license.</p> <p>Completing Capella's program and holding an Alabama Professional teaching license may not be enough depending on the applicant's prior experience. Please contact the Alabama board for additional information.</p>
Alaska	Early Childhood Education endorsement	<p>Alaska accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold an Alaska teaching certificate that is 2 years or greater in length.</p> <p>The intended outcome of Capella's program is the Early Childhood Education endorsement, not the Type E certificate.</p>
American Samoa	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in American Samoa. Learners who are interested in pursuing a American Samoa professional license should contact the relevant state board.</p> <p>American Samoa Department of Education, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 (011) 684-633-5237 http://www.doe.as</p>
Arizona	Early Childhood Education Endorsement, Birth - Age 8 (Grade 3)	<p>Arizona learners will first need to earn a Minnesota license with an Early Childhood Education endorsement before applying in Arizona.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Arizona Elementary or Special Education teaching certificate.</p> <p>Applicants may be able to add an Early Childhood Education endorsement by exams and some coursework or by experience.</p>
Arkansas	N/A	<p>As of October 30, 2014 Capella is not accepting applications from Arkansas residents for Capella's MS in Education with a specialization in Early Childhood Education.</p>

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California	Early Childhood (ages 3-8)/Generalist	<p>California accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in early childhood education from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a California Multiple Subject, Standard Elementary, or General Elementary Teaching Credential.</p> <p>There may be additional requirements depending on the type of California teaching credential held. Please contact the California board for additional information.</p>
Colorado	Early Childhood Education, Ages 0-8	<p>Colorado accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in early childhood education from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Colorado educator license.</p> <p>Applicants may be able to add an early childhood education endorsement by taking an exam.</p>
Connecticut	N/A	<p>Connecticut only offers Integrated Early Childhood/Special Education endorsements.</p> <p>Capella's MS in Education with a specialization in Early Childhood Education will not meet Connecticut's requirements for an Integrated Early Childhood/Special Education endorsement.</p>
Delaware	Early Childhood Teacher	<p>Delaware accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License.</p>
District of Columbia	Early Childhood (PreK-3)	<p>The District of Columbia accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a District of Columbia standard teaching credential.</p> <p>Applicants may be able to add the early childhood education endorsement by taking an exam.</p>
Florida	PK/Primary Education Certification	<p>Florida learners must first apply for the early childhood education endorsement with the Florida board before enrolling in a program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Florida educator license.</p>

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Georgia	Professional Birth through Five Endorsement or Supplemental Induction Birth through Five Endorsement	<p>Georgia accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>For the Professional Birth-5 endorsement, applicants must hold a Level 4 or higher renewable professional certificate in Elementary Education.</p> <p>For the Supplemental Induction Birth-5 endorsement, applicants must hold a Level 4 or higher Induction certificate in Elementary Education.</p> <p>Capella's MS in Early Childhood Education program is not designed to help learners move from a Non-Renewable, Non-Professional Certificate to a Clear and Renewable or Induction Certificate. Capella's program will not lead to the Clear and Renewable Certificate (Non-Tiered Certification model) or the Induction Certificate (Tiered Certification model) in Georgia.</p>
Guam	N/A	<p>Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Guam. Learners who are interested in pursuing a Guam professional license should contact the relevant state board.</p> <p>Guam Department of Education P.O. Box DE, Agana, Guam 96932 (671) 475-0461 http://www.gdoe.net</p>
Hawaii	Early Childhood Education PK-K and PK-3	<p>Hawaii accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid and active Hawaii teacher license.</p>
Idaho	Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3)	<p>Idaho has recently updated their rules and changed the endorsements offered.</p> <p>Capella is currently reviewing the rules and determining if our MS in Early Childhood Education meets the requirements for any of the available endorsements.</p>

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Illinois	Endorsement for Early Childhood Education (Birth through Grade 2)	<p>Illinois accepts completion of at least 27 quarter credits of coursework in specific early childhood education content areas.</p> <p>Additional coursework is required in the areas of Exceptional Children, Reading, and English as a Second Language. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed and approved several Capella courses that meet these required areas.</p> <p>The following courses will need to be added to the Early Childhood Education program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cross-categorical methods of the exceptional child: ED5707 - Instruction for Students with Disabilities (4 quarter credits)2. Methods of reading and reading the in the content area: (Choose one course): ED5551 - Developing Fluent Readers (3 quarter credits), ED5552 - Teaching Comprehension Strategies (3 quarter credits), ED5554 - Sociocultural Context of Reading Instruction (3 quarter credits)3. ESL/bilingual methods: ED5728 - Methods, Curriculum, and Materials for English Language Learners (4 quarter credits) <p>Applicants must hold an Illinois Professional Educator License with an elementary middle grades, secondary, or special teaching endorsement.</p>
Indiana	Early Childhood Generalist	<p>Indiana accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Indiana instructional license.</p>
Iowa	PreK - 3 endorsement	<p>Iowa accepts completion of a early childhood education preparation program with coursework in specific content areas.</p> <p>Iowa also requires field experience of at least 100 clock hours with at least 20 hours working with each age group: infants and toddlers, preprimary and primary. The field experience must also include experience working in at least 3 different settings and working with children who have a range of abilities and disabilities.</p> <p>Capella is currently reviewing the rules to determine if its MS in Early Childhood Education program meets Iowa's requirements.</p>

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Kansas	Early Childhood Unified (Birth - Grade 3)	Kansas accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program, with a 3.25 GPA. Kansas learners will need to earn a Minnesota license with an early childhood education endorsement before applying in Kansas. Applicants must have a Kansas teaching license.
Kentucky	N/A	As of July 7, 2014, Capella is not accepting applications from Kentucky residents for Capella's MS in Education with a specialization in Early Childhood Education.
Louisiana	PK-3 Endorsement	Louisiana accepts completion of early childhood and kindergarten coursework. Applicants must hold a Louisiana teaching certificate. The required coursework and exams vary slightly depending on the applicant's license. Please contact the Louisiana board for additional information. Applicants may be able to add the Early Childhood endorsement by exam.
Maine	Early Childhood Teacher (Birth to age 5) Certificate or Early Elementary Endorsement K-3	Maine accepts completion of early childhood education coursework in specific content areas, and a field work experience or teaching experience in K - Grade 3 under a targeted need certificate, conditional certificate, or transitional endorsement. Applicants must hold a Maine teaching license. Capella is currently reviewing the rules and determining if our MS in Early Childhood Education meets Maine's requirements for the Early Elementary endorsement.
Maryland	PreK - Grade 3 certification	Maryland requires 30 credits distributed across the 4 content areas of English, social studies, math and science w/ at least 6 credits in each. Capella's MS in Early Childhood Education will not meet Maryland's requirements.

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Massachusetts	Early Childhood: Teachers of Students with and without Disabilities, PreK-2	Massachusetts accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program, which includes 300-hour practicum. Massachusetts requires the 300-hour practicum to include 100 hours in Grades PK-K and 200 hours in Grades 1 and 2. At least 1 practicum setting must include children with disabilities. Massachusetts learners will need to add fieldwork hours in order to meet Massachusetts's hours requirements. Applicants must hold an initial or professional teaching license.
Michigan	Early Childhood certificate endorsement	Michigan accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have a Michigan teaching certificate.
Minnesota	Early Childhood Education Endorsement	Minnesota accepts completion of a Minnesota-approved early childhood education preparation program. Applicants must hold a Minnesota teaching license.
Mississippi	Child Development (PreK - K) (153)	Mississippi has recently updated their rules and changed the endorsements offered. Capella is currently reviewing the rules and determining if our MS in Early Childhood Education meets Mississippi's requirements for the Child Development endorsement.
Missouri	Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 3)	Missouri learners will first need to earn a Minnesota license with an Early Childhood Education endorsement before applying in Missouri. Applicants must hold a Missouri teaching certificate. Completing Capella's program and holding a Missouri teaching certificate may not be enough, depending on an applicant's prior experience and education. Please contact the Missouri board for more information.
Montana	Early Childhood (age 3 - grade 3)	Montana accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program. Applicants must hold a Montana Class 1 or 2 teaching license.
Nebraska	Early Childhood Education (PK - Grade 3)	Nebraska accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program, which includes 45 hours of practicum working with PreK children. Applicants must hold a regular Nebraska educator's certificate with an Elementary Education endorsement.

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Nevada	Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2)	Nevada requires 53 quarter credits of coursework in early childhood coursework, which includes 12 quarter credits of fieldwork. Capella's MS in Early Childhood Education will not meet Nevada's licensure requirements.
New Hampshire	Early Childhood (N-3) endorsement	New Hampshire accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program completed in a state which is a member of NASDTEC. Applicants must hold a New Hampshire teaching license.
New Jersey	Preschool through Grade 3 Standard Certificate	<i>For learners holding a Standard Certificate:</i> New Jersey accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. <i>For learners holding a Certificate of Eligibility:</i> New Jersey requires completion of a New Jersey-approved early childhood education program. Capella's MS in Early Childhood Education will not meet New Jersey's endorsement requirements for learners holding a Certificate of Eligibility.
New Mexico	Early Childhood Endorsement (Birth - Grade 3)	New Mexico requires 67.5 quarter credits in Early Childhood Education, which includes at least 22.5 quarter credits of fieldwork and student teaching. Capella's MS in Early Childhood Education program will not meet New Mexico's licensure requirements.
New York	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) Initial or Professional Certificate	New York accepts completion of an early childhood education preparation program. Applicants must hold a valid New York Classroom Teaching Certificate.
North Carolina	Preschool add-on	North Carolina accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited early child education program. Applicants must hold a North Carolina clear teaching license with no restrictions. Applicants may be able to add the Birth through Kindergarten endorsement by exam.

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North Dakota	Early Childhood (Birth - Grade 3)	North Dakota requires completion of 48 quarter credits of early childhood coursework and an additional 33 quarter credits of professional education. Capella's MS in Early Childhood Education will not meet North Dakota's licensure requirements.
Northern Mariana Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Northern Mariana Islands.
Ohio	Early Childhood (P - Grade 3)	Ohio accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Ohio requires 12 quarter credits in teaching of reading and 4.5 quarter credits in phonics coursework. Depending on the current teaching license held by the applicant, the applicant may still need this reading coursework. If the reading coursework is still needed learners will need to complete most of this coursework outside of Capella. Applicants must hold a valid Ohio teaching license.
Oklahoma	Early Childhood Education (PreK-Grade 3)	Oklahoma accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program. Oklahoma learners will need to first earn a Minnesota license with an early childhood education endorsement before applying in Oklahoma. Applicants must hold a valid Oklahoma teaching license.
Oregon	Early Childhood Education (PreK - Grade 3) specialization	Oregon does not appear to offer a specific early childhood education endorsement. Oregon does have an early childhood education specialization, but a specialization is not required in order to teach early childhood education.
Pennsylvania	Pre-Kindergarten through 4	Pennsylvania accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood preparation program. Applicants must hold a Pennsylvania instructional or intern certificate. Applicants may be able to add the Grades PK through 4 endorsement by exam.
Puerto Rico	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.

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Rhode Island	Early Childhood Education Teacher, Grades PK - 2 endorsement	Rhode Island accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program, with a 60 hour field experience. Applicants must hold a valid Rhode Island teaching license. Applicants will apply via the out-of-state trained reciprocity pathway.
South Carolina	Early Childhood Education	South Carolina accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold a South Carolina Initial or Professional educator certificate. Before beginning an online program, applicants must request a formal program approval from the South Carolina board. Applicants may be able to add the Early Childhood Education endorsement by exam.
South Dakota	Birth-preschool endorsement	South Dakota accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program with specific coursework. Applicants must hold a valid South Dakota teaching license.
Tennessee	Early Childhood Education	Tennessee accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program. Applicants must hold a valid Tennessee educator license. Applicants may be able to add the Early Childhood Education endorsement by exam.
Texas	N/A	Texas does not appear to offer an early childhood education endorsement.
US Virgin Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in US Virgin Islands.
Utah	Early Childhood Education (K-Grade 3)	Utah accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program. Utah learners must first obtain a Minnesota license with an early childhood endorsement before applying in Utah. Applicants must have a current Utah educator license.

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Vermont	Early Childhood Education endorsement	<p>Vermont accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Vermont requires a "B" grade or higher for coursework to be accepted.</p> <p>Vermont requires a practicum at the birth to 5 and/or 5-8 age levels. For the full birth through grade 3 authorization, practicum at both levels is required.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Vermont educator license.</p>
Virginia	Early Childhood for 3 & 4 year old's	<p>Virginia accepts completion of an early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Virginia requires a practicum of at least 45 hours in a preschool setting.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Virginia license with an endorsement in elementary education or special education early childhood.</p>
Washington	Early Childhood Education Endorsement (P-Grade 3)	<p>Washington accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must have a Washington teaching certificate.</p> <p>Washington does not require all out-of-state universities to have authorization to provide field placements for learners. Capella does not currently have such authorization. However, some schools or districts in Washington may only accept interns from authorized universities.</p>
West Virginia	Early Education (PreK-K)	<p>West Virginia accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited early childhood education preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a West Virginia teaching license.</p>
Wisconsin	Early Childhood level	<p>Wisconsin accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in early childhood education.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Wisconsin teaching license.</p> <p>Applicants may be able to add the Early Childhood endorsement by exam.</p>
Wyoming	Early Childhood Endorsement (Birth - Grade 3)	<p>Wyoming accepts completion of a state-approved early childhood education preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a current, valid Wyoming license in 1 teaching endorsement area.</p>