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TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
Department of Family Sciences
Ed.D. in Early Childhood Education
(63 hours)

The Ed.D. in Early Childhood Education is offered as a cooperative program between Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas under the guidelines established by the Federation of North Texas area Universities.

PREREQUISITES: Relevant Master's degree.

Coursework equivalent to the Master's Core (9 hours from the following):*

FS 5003	Lifespan Human Development or FS 5223 Child Growth and Human Development in Early Childhood
FS 5113	Theories of Human Development
FS 5213	Early Childhood Curriculum Development

* For those students holding a master's in an unrelated field, additional deficiency courses may be required.

DOCTORAL CORE: (12 hours)

FS 6663	Foundations of Early Childhood Education (TWU) or DFEC 6523 History, Philosophy, and Ethics in Early Childhood Education (UNT)
DFEC 6543	Critical Issues in Early Childhood Contemporary Society (UNT) or DFEC 6533 Current Readings and Research in Early Childhood Education (UNT)
FS 6653	Seminar in Developmental Theory (TWU) or FS 6003 Advanced Study of the Lifespan (TWU)
FS 6623	Language in Early Childhood Classrooms (TWU) or FS 6513 Language and Cognitive Development (TWU)

RESEARCH: (15 hours)

FS 6693	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Family Sciences
FS 6793	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods in Family Sciences
	Doctoral level Statistics
FS 6983/93	Dissertation

CONTENT SPECIALIZATION: (27 hours)

Students choose appropriate coursework from the following courses. The courses will not duplicate master's course work and will be selected in consultation with the student's advisory committee based on individual needs, academic and professional background, and goals. The committee may consider courses outside the department to create an appropriate degree plan. Courses taken to satisfy prerequisites may not be included in the 27 hours.

FS 5023	Family Sexuality or 5253 Gender Role Development
FS 5153	Family Changes and Diversity
FS 5203	Language and Literacy in Early Childhood
FS 5213	Curriculum Development in Early Childhood
FS 5223	Child Growth and Human Development in Early Childhood
FS 5263	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood
FS 5273	Reflections and Perspective of Early Childhood
FS 5283	Technology and the Young Learner
FS 5533	Parenting Education
FS 5593	Play, Development and the Young Learner
FS 5613	Child Guidance
FS 5643	The Development of Infants and Toddlers
FS 5773	Home/School/Community Partnerships
FS 5783	Issues in Early Childhood Research and Evaluation

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES: (9 hours)

Two of the following:

FS 5653	Program Planning and Development
FS 5663	Leadership and Staff Development in Family Sciences Programs
FS 5673	Administration and Management of Programs for Young Children
FS 5823	Families and Public Policy
FS 5843	Teaching Family Sciences
FS 6433	Grants Writing in Family Sciences
FS 6593	Practicum in Family Sciences

Notes:

1. Courses can be used to satisfy requirements in only one category.
2. All degree plans must comply with graduate school requirements as presented in the catalog. At a minimum, programs must consist of 90 graduate credit hours, which includes 30 hours of research coursework (dissertation, research methods, statistics, etc.).
3. The university-required research tools are in addition to the minimum 90 graduate credit hours.
4. Students are required to have on their degree plan and dissertation committees a minimum of two faculty members from the TWU program component and one from UNT program faculty.

Admission Requirements:

1. Completion of a master's degree with a 3.0 GPA.
2. Acquisition of a competitive GRE score. Successful candidates for admission have had scores of 500 (verbal) and 500 (quantitative). An appeal process is available.
3. Three years of teaching experience, two of which must have been with young children.
4. Three letters of recommendation.