

# Department Information and Frequently Asked Questions

# PSYCHOLOGY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*The Psychology Early Childhood Education major leads to a BA and completion of coursework requirements for the early childhood education teacher certification in Louisiana. A final clinical experience is a mandatory one-year residency. This is a two-semester requirement.*

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**MAJOR:** PSYCHOLOGY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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**Q: Who are the Faculty/Major advisors?**

**A:** Students work with two faculty advisors. Dr. Lockman serves as the major advisor of record and advises students on the psychology requirements. In addition to working with Dr. Lockman, students also work with a teacher preparation and certification program advisor for assistance with the education requirements.

**Q: What classes are recommended for exploring this major?**

**A:** PSYC 1000 Introduction to Psychology and EDLA 2000 Education in a Diverse Society and EDLA 2890 its 40 hour service learning component. These exploratory courses should be taken during the freshman year. EDLA 2000 requires a fair amount of writing.

**Q: Where do students often study abroad?**

**A:** In 2017 TPCP launched its first Summer Abroad experience in Italy. Students are able to explore curriculum in Art, Education, and Psychology. While study abroad is a possibility it requires early major declaration along with careful academic planning. Study abroad locations vary by student and their interests. There is also the option to do Global Student Teaching after graduation.

**Q: What kinds of scheduling allowances should students consider when pursuing this major?**

**A:** All education courses and some psychology courses have field experience requirements. Students should consult with their education program advisor and with Dr. Lockman regularly to best plan for these field experiences for each semester.

**Q: What classes can students take within the major to fill the public service requirements?**

**A:** Most of the education classes required for the major have public service components.

**Q: Can students repeat PYEC classes?**

**A:** PYEC students are allowed to take required courses only once. If a grade below "C" is earned in any of the EDUC courses it is grounds for disqualification from the PYEC program.

**Q: What are the minimum GPA requirements?**

**A:** The overall minimum GPA for the PYEC program is 2.75. The minimum GPA for the EDUC portion of the PYEC program is 3.0.

**Q: Are there any clubs affiliated with this major?**

**A:** KDPI – Honor Society for alumni. AP+EL Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana (A+PEL) is the premier educators' organization in Louisiana, advancing A+teachers as career professionals.

**Q: What internships/work study/summer programs are available?**

**A:** There are minimal opportunities available. Students must talk to professors ahead of time to get approval. No retroactive internships.

**Q: Where do students find forms?**

**A:** Students can obtain Newcomb-Tulane College forms from the Academic Advising Center. Forms for the teacher certification program can be found on the TPCP website: <http://tulane.edu/teacher/>