

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE from Vanderbilt Peabody College:

Early Childhood Policy

This certificate will prepare graduates to work in early childhood education policy spaces and areas, including government agencies, advocacy organizations, program development, and evaluation.



Upon completion of the certificate, students will be able to communicate effectively to policymakers about the importance of early childhood education initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels; advocate for research-backed early childhood education initiatives and programs; and translate ECP research to practice, such that it is accessible and digestible to practitioners in the policy arena.

QUICK FACTS

Required Hours: 12 credit hours are required to earn this certificate. See the [certificate website](#) for course details.

Prerequisites: Completed bachelor's degree and current enrollment in a Vanderbilt graduate or professional degree program

Certificate Director: [Emily House](#), Lecturer, Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations, Program Director, Education Policy

Home Academic Department: Leadership, Policy and Organizations

Best Suited For: Peabody master's students interested in the early childhood domain

To Enroll: Let us know of your interest in this certificate by completing the form at vu.edu/pbdy-certs. You may also email peabodycertificates@vanderbilt.edu.



There are several reasons why a student may want to pursue this certificate. Early childhood policy lays the foundation for several other different types of policy. It contains a combination of broad-based economic and family supports such as Medicaid expansion, paid family leave, earned income tax-credits, and other targeted interventions.”



Cynthia Osborne
Professor of Early Childhood Education and Policy

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Government Agencies • Advocacy Organizations • School-Based Program Development/Evaluation

SAMPLE COURSES

Required:

- » Foundations of Early Childhood Policy (NEW, in development)

Possible Elective Courses Include:

- » ENED7320 Untapped Potential: The Power of Books for Fostering Language and Thinking
- » EDUC8200 Foundations of Learning and Development
- » EDUC6400 Literacy Development
- » EDUC6460 Language, Education and Diversity
- » EDUC6090 Integrated Early Childhood Curriculum
- » SPEDE7800 Speech and Language for Young Learners
- » SPEDE7400 Instruction for Young Learners
- » SPEDE7450 Screening and Assessment for Young Learners
- » SPEDE7100 Collaborating with Families of Young Children

Note: Not all Peabody professional programs include enough elective credits to make earning an additional certificate possible. Students are encouraged to confer with their program director as well as with certificate directors to ensure they can meet all requirements for both degree and certificate programs. Courses listed are subject to change. Other relevant courses may be selected in consultation with program director and with certificate director approval.