Beginning summer 2015, the Department of Educational & Clinical Studies offers two early childhood special education certificate programs: ECSE-Infancy and ECSE-Preschool. The deadline for summer 2015 enrollment is May 1, 2015. Students apply to the Graduate College by clicking on the "Apply" button on the homepage at: http://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege.

Requirements include:
1. Minimum GPA of 2.75 for all undergraduate work or 3.0 for the last 60 credits of undergraduate study.
2. Completed Certificate application for admission.
3. One set of official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities sent directly to the Graduate College.
4. A one page letter of intent that includes (1) the ECSE Certificate area of emphasis (Infancy or Preschool) you are interested in, (2) your professional and academic goals, and (3) a discussion of your experience relative to the program. Please upload this letter when you apply on-line through the Graduate College Apply Yourself application system.

In the Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Program, students gain knowledge and skills for a variety of careers in educational and intervention programs for young children with disabilities. The Certificate program is designed to meet the needs of persons who hold a baccalaureate degree and wish to earn an endorsement in early childhood special education with licensure to teach in a variety of early childhood settings. The student can transfer up to 9 credits of ECSE courses into the certificate program after being admitted (must be a subset of Certificate required course work) so long as the courses have not already been used toward a degree that has already been conferred. Transfer credits must be from UNLV or approved through an articulation agreement with the Nevada system of higher education. Upon completion of the Certificate Program, a Certificate student graduate can apply to the M.Ed. ECSE program. The student can transfer ECSE-Infancy or ECSE-Preschool Certificate credits into the M.Ed. ECSE program even if they were already applied towards the certificate; the Certificate credit transfer option is available for one year upon certificate completion. Transfer work must have a grade of B or better and be from UNLV ECSE course work. Students in certificate programs would be subject to the continuous enrollment policy of completing the program within 4 years. They would have to enroll in at least six credits each rolling three semesters (including summer). Please see Certificate Forms below for a list of required certificate courses.

The Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)-Infancy (birth to 3 years) is designed to provide a comprehensive contemporary program of educator preparation addressing the skills, knowledge, and dispositions needed for a variety of careers in infancy (birth - 3 years) education (e.g., early intervention programs, hospitals, day care, community education, agencies, and infant/toddler education programs).

The Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)-Preschool (3 - 7 years) is designed to provide a comprehensive contemporary program of educator preparation addressing the skills, knowledge, and dispositions needed for a variety of careers in preschool education (e.g., public pre-K, Title I, early childhood special education, kindergarten, grades 1 or 2; community preschool or day care; private kindergarten, grades 1 or 2; community education programs; agencies; and Head Start programs).