

# USCB

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT





## Learn to teach at USCB...by doing it

**“The educational program is challenging, exciting and inspirational in the development of new teachers.”**

*Jason Ziegler – Senior Education Major*

A young child—eager and open to explore, learn and form relationships. What could be more exciting than facilitating the growth and development of children from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 3? Earning a degree in early childhood education at USCB involves bringing the best child development theory into classroom practice. You will focus on the whole child, guiding and nurturing them cognitively, creatively, socially, emotionally, and physically.

Your learning will occur in small classes with individual interactions with professors whose years of experience in early childhood class

rooms and in college classrooms will help you succeed in both settings. Faculty members serve as an important resource as you test the theory in many, diverse classroom settings.

**“My experience as a non-traditional USC B student has been an enriching and excellent one. The faculty go the extra 100 miles to help us all succeed.”**

*Ann Feltner – Senior Education Major*

Prior to your student teaching internship, USC B faculty will place you in up to 60 hours per semester of practicum experience in local schools. These practicum experiences build your preparation for a successful internship and transition to teaching career.

And, you'll find your student colleagues at USC B valuable as you progress through the program as well. Our Education Club is active—beginning with the mentoring it offers freshmen and transfer students. And our education majors are a diverse group of enthusiastic teachers-to-be who enjoy collaborative work.



**“Education is a  
social process;  
education is growth;  
education is not  
a preparation for life  
but is life itself.”**

*John Dewey*

### **JOIN US.**

Join us at USCB, where you can expect interesting coursework, challenging practicum opportunities and the preparation you need to develop as what we call a “constructivist educator”—a professional with nurturing, communicating, facilitating and instructing skills that can change the lives of the children and families you teach.

#### *Expect courses in...*

- Life span growth and development
- Dynamics of public education
- Family life in early childhood
- The exceptional learner
- Teaching methods courses and classroom experience in
  - Math and science
  - Social science and creative arts
  - Language arts
  - Reading



## ENTER THE CAREER WORLD

USCB's Early Childhood Education program has demonstrated its success in preparing students for career success. As of this brochure publication, the 100% of our ECE graduates have passed the national teaching certification exam [Praxis II].

We have placed 100% of our graduates in teaching jobs immediately upon graduation. After teaching experiences in 3-5 schools, most of our graduates choose a teaching position in the Beaufort County School system, which is currently the highest paying school district in South Carolina.

*Your early childhood education degree opens the doors to many careers...*

- Class room teacher in Pre-K through Grade 3
- Child care firm owner/manager
- School administrator
- Education consultant
- Graduate work...that might bring you back to teaching education at a college level.

## FROM OUR PARTNERS...



**“Hilton Head Island Early Childhood Center reflects our community by serving our youngest students, supporting parents in their child’s educational journey, and by building relationships and resources through active partnerships to expand professionalism and prepare teachers. We are honored to work with Melanie Pulaski and the Early Childhood Program at The University of South Carolina Beaufort to build a community of learners that is knowledgeable, prepared, and eager to serve.”**

***Adrienne Sutton***

*Principal, Hilton Head Early Childhood Center*

**“Nurture, Communicate, Reflect, and Facilitate the needs of the students, candidates, schools, community, and university. If we do this successfully, together we will develop strong partnerships.”**



***Melanie Graham Pulaski***

*Education Department*



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**“If students experience the classroom as a caring, supportive place where there is a sense of belonging and everyone is valued and respected, they will tend to participate more fully in the process of learning.”**

*L. Lumsden, 1994*

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**Education is the transmission of civilization.**  
*Ariel and Will Durant*