

# Birth to Kindergarten Online Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees Overview (4.28.14)

<b>Description:</b>	Online Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees are being created for educators who want to take a series of stackable courses to prepare them to educate children from birth to age three.	
<b>Names of Degrees:</b>	Associate of Science Degree:	Birth to Kindergarten Associate
	Bachelor of Science Degree:	Birth to Kindergarten Education
<b>Number of Credit Hours:</b>	Associate of Science Degree:	60 credit hours
	Bachelor of Science Degree:	120 credit hours <i>(Note: All 60 credit hours for the Associate of Science degree will transfer to the Bachelor of Science degree)</i>
<b>Delivery Mode:</b>	100% online degrees offered jointly by __ colleges and universities	
<b>System Partners:</b>	the following university systems will be invited to be partners in the development of the online degrees: Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Louisiana State University System, and Southern University System, and University of Louisiana System	
<b>Colleges &amp; Universities Offering the Online Degrees:</b>	College/university #1	College/university #4
	College/university #2	College/university #5
	College/university #3	College/university #6
<b>Proposed Date for Implementation:</b>	August 2015	
<b>Credit Hour Fee:</b>	(Note: This section will need to be determined by the university systems. The UL System currently charges \$325 per credit hours and no additional fees at the home institutions for the online degree offered by nine universities. The LCTC System charges \$134.68 per credit hours and an additional \$40 registration fee each term plus students must pay other fees (e.g., Technology, etc.) required of all student at the home institution.)	
<b>Application and Graduation Fees:</b>	A one-time application fee will be charged when students apply for the program. The college/university may charge a graduation or diploma fee when the program is finished.	
<b>Textbooks:</b>	Textbook costs typically run from \$__ to __ per course.	

**Clinical Experiences:** All birth to kindergarten courses will require clinical experiences with young children from birth to age five. In addition, all Bachelor of Science degrees with a concentration in Birth to Kindergarten Education will require a one year residency in one or more settings that educate children from birth to kindergarten.

**Computer/Technical Requirements:** The following web site identifies the minimum computer hardware and software required to take the online courses: (<http://URL to be determined.>)

**Process to Apply for the Online Program:**

1. Examine *the Birth to Kindergarten Course Offering by College Matrix* at the following web site to determine the courses offered by each college/university: (<http://URL to be determined.>)
2. Select a home institution and submit an application for admission to a home institution's web site and identify the online degree.
3. Be assigned a home college/university advisor.
4. Communicate with the home college/university advisor to select courses that are within the birth to kindergarten program of study.
5. Pay tuition and fees to the home college/university.
6. (If appropriate) submit financial information to the home college/university.
7. Purchase books.
8. Access courses on the first day of the semester at the appropriate web site.

**Cross Enrollment if Admitted to Regular Degree:**

If a home college doesn't offer a course that a student intends to take, he/she may apply and register with another college that does offer the course. Students should consult with their academic advisors prior to enrolling in courses at another institution because there might be financial aid implications in regard to which college hold the financial aid package.

**Person to Contact for Additional Information:**

(To be determined.)

## Birth to Kindergarten Online Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Future Tasks (4.28.14)

Tasks		Persons Responsible	Timelines
1.	Oversee Administration of Birth to Kindergarten Online Courses and Degrees		
1.1	Identify the process to electronically connect the students to the courses.	BoR & university systems	5/1/14-6/30/14
1.2	Determine the costs for the online birth to kindergarten courses.	BoR & university systems	5/1/14-6/30/14
1.3	Identify the process for credit hour fees to be transferred across institutions	BoR & university systems	5/1/14-6/30/14
2.	Create syllabi for Birth to Kindergarten online courses.		
2.1	Develop syllabi for first 3 birth to kindergarten courses for associate and baccalaureate online degrees.	B2K Syllabus Workgroup – First 3 B2K Courses	5/1/14-6/30/14
2.2	Develop syllabi for next 7 birth to kindergarten courses for associate and baccalaureate online degrees.	B2K Syllabus Workgroup – Next 7 B2K Courses	5/1/14-7/31/14
2.3	Identify online General Education courses for the associate and baccalaureate online degrees.	B2K General Education Workgroup	
2.4	Develop syllabi for junior and senior level birth to kindergarten courses for baccalaureate degree.	B2K Syllabus Workgroup – B2K Jr. & Sr. Courses	
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