

Early Childhood Education Certificate

Program Description

Early childhood educators and caregivers work in Head Start programs, childcare centers, family home care programs, elementary schools, social services programs, and health care services. These professionals plan and implement appropriate experiences for young children in areas such as language, health, movement, creativity, thinking, problem solving, self-concept and social behavior. They also supervise children's activities, care for their needs, keep records of their progress, and confer with parents and other professionals.

The Certificate in Early Childhood Education is closely aligned with national standards and meets Head Start requirements for classroom aides. Only technical requirement courses that have a grade of "C" or better will be counted towards the Certificate.

Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

Upon successful completion of the Certificate in Early Childhood Education program, students will be able to:

1. Advocate appropriate practices for children, model professionalism, and demonstrate ethical conduct based on guidelines from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
2. Effectively and respectfully communicate with students, staff and families including those from diverse backgrounds and special populations.
3. Implement various developmentally and age-appropriate teaching, assessment and guidance strategies needed to effectively work with young children from birth to age eight.

Technical Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
CD 140	Environments for Young Children	3
CD 180	Language Arts in Early Childhood	3
ED 231	Introduction to Exceptionalities	3
CD 240	Cognitive & Creative Development in Early Childhood	3
CD 260	Social & Emotional Development	3
CD 292	ECE Practicum	3
Choose one		
CD 221	Child Growth & Development	3
ED 220	Human Growth & Development	
Choose one		
CD 110	Early Childhood Education Orientation	3
ED150	Introduction to Teaching	
Related General Education & Technical Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
XXXXX	Elective	3
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Total		6
Certificate Total		30