Early Childhood Education
Career Technologies

ABOUT THIS FIELD

The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from infancy through middle childhood in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of children; care and guidance of children; and communication skills with parents and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional and creative development of young children.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs and school-age programs.

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PROGRAM START DATES:
Fall or Spring Semester

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CLASSES YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS) A55220EC
Total Semester Hour Credits: 65

FALL SEMESTER 1

Prefix	Number	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
ACA	111	College Student Success	1	0	0	1
CIS	110	Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
EDU	119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
EDU	146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU	261	Early Childhood Administration I	3	0	0	3
		Totals	16	2	0	17

SPRING SEMESTER 1

EDU	131	Child, Family & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	153	Health, Safety & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU	234	Infants, Toddlers & Twos	3	0	0	3
EDU	262	Early Childhood Administration II	3	0	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
		Totals	18	0	0	18

SUMMER SEMESTER

PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		Totals	3	0	0	3

FALL SEMESTER 2

COM	120	Intro to Interpersonal Comm.	3	0	0	3
EDU	151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU	184	Early Childhood Intro. Practicum	1	3	0	2
EDU	221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3
EDU	259	Curriculum Planning	3	0	0	3
		Totals	13	3	0	14

SPRING SEMESTER 2

EDU	280	Language & Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
EDU	284	Early Child Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4
MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
Choose one of the following:						
ART	111	Art Appreciation	3	0	0	3
PHI	240	Introduction to Ethics	3	0	0	3
		Totals	9	11	0	13

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

DIPLOMA - D55220EC
Total Semester Hour Credits: 41

FALL SEMESTER 1

Prefix	#	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
ACA	111	College Student Success	1	0	0	1
EDU	119	Intro to Early Childhood Ed.	4	0	0	4
EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
EDU	146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU	261	Early Childhood Administration I	3	0	0	3
		Totals	14	0	0	14

SPRING SEMESTER 1

EDU	131	Child, Family & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	153	Health, Safety & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU	234	Infants, Toddlers & Twos	3	0	0	3
EDU	262	Early Childhood Administration II	3	0	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
		Totals	18	0	0	18

FALL SEMESTER 2

COM	120	Intro to Interpersonal Comm.	3	0	0	3
EDU	151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU	221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3
		Totals	9	0	0	9

CERTIFICATE - C55220EC & C55220CP*
Total Semester Hour Credits: 13

Prefix	#	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
EDU	119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU	131	Child, Family & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
		Totals	13	0	0	13

* This certificate or pathway is offered to high school students through the Career & College Promise initiative. Please refer to the Career & College Promise page in the SCC Catalog for additional information.