

Early Childhood Education

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OVERVIEW

The Early Childhood Education program focuses specifically on the education of professionals in the early childhood field.

The most important strength of caregivers in the early childhood field is the education received by the practitioners in both theory and process-oriented learning. Results of international research on child care indicate that the education of the child care providers is directly related to increased social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children.

Early childhood professionals will be prepared to practice professional, ethical, and high-quality care giving strategies within diverse settings, caring for children from infancy through school-age years. Students will be prepared to enter the early childhood field as well as inspired to continue lifelong learning with the opportunity to pursue a baccalaureate by completing the AA with ECED elective courses (and/or certificate option).

Early Childhood Education is an online program. The courses are ideal for practitioners who are beginning their careers or already care for children. Caregivers/professionals will increase their effectiveness and competence through curriculum, guidance, caregiving and teaching skills, professional development, and ethical practice. Students will be directly evaluated on these skills during their hands-on experiences throughout the program.

The development of a professional portfolio will be a component of the Early Childhood Education program for students to demonstrate competence, based on standards from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

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Early Childhood Education	AAS	60 credits
Early Childhood Education	Diploma	32 credits
Child Care Assistant	Certificate	16 credits

PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer options allow students to continue their education toward a bachelor's degree

Online program offers supportive distance learning environment for new and experienced early childhood educators

Combination of child development, professional development, and career application courses

Huge national demand for highly trained early childhood educators

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Nanny
 Family Child Care Provider
 Child Care Center Teacher
 Child Care Center Director
 Nanny Placement Agency Owner
 Paraprofessional
 Substitute Teacher
 Child Advocate

JOB PLACEMENT

Nearly 100%

PROGRAM COSTS - estimated cost including tuition, books and supplies

AAS	\$15,175
Diploma	\$8,013
Certificate	\$4,433



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Sample Program Plan

Early Childhood Education - Diploma

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall or Spring)		
ECED1101	Early Childhood Field Experience*	6
ECED1102	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester (Fall or Spring)		
ENGL	Diploma English	2
MATH	Diploma Math	2
SOCS	Social Science	3
Elective	Technical Electives (see advisor)	9
Semester total		16
Total Required Credits		32

Early Childhood Education - AAS (FALL START odd years)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall)		
ECED1101	Early Childhood Field Experience*	6
ECED1102	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester (Spring)		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication	3
MATH	1000-level Math	2
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
ECED1231	Developmentally Appropriate Environments and Experiences for Young Children	3
ECED1475	History and Professions in Early Childhood	3
Semester total		14
Third Semester (Fall)		
ECED2350	Foundations of Language and Literacy	3
ECED1020	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Semester total		15
Fourth Semester (Spring)		
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
ECED2440	Intro to Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED2215	Supporting Infant and Toddler Development	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

Child Care Assistant - Certificate

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall or Spring)		
ECED1101	Early Childhood Field Experience*	6
ECED1102	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Total Required Credits		16

Early Childhood Education - AAS (SPRING START even years)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Spring)		
ECED1101	Early Childhood Field Experience	6
ECED1102	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1475	History and Professions in Early Childhood	3
ECED1231	Developmentally Appropriate Environments and Experiences for Young Children	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester (Fall)		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication	3
ECED2350	Foundations of Language and Literacy	3
ECED1020	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Semester total		15
Third Semester (Spring)		
ECED2440	Intro to Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED2215	Supporting Infant and Toddler Development	3
MATH	1000-level Math	2
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Semester total		14
Fourth Semester (Fall)		
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

*Advanced placement for practitioners who have 2 years of licensed early childhood experience