

Early Childhood Education

General description: Childcare, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school teachers and workers play a vital role in the development of children. What children learn and experience during their early years can shape their views of themselves and the world and can affect their later success or failure in school, work, and their personal lives. Teachers and workers in these settings introduce children to mathematics, language, science, social studies, learning in general, and social and behavioral skills. They use games, music, artwork, films, books, computers, and other tools to teach basic skills.

Sample of job titles with this degree: ECE Child Care Center Director, ECE Child Care Center Assistant, ECE Teacher in a Child Care Center or Private School, ECE Assistant in Public Schools.

This is a career and technical education program. Some courses may not transfer to four-year institutions.

Suggested Full-Time Course Sequence:

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
ECE 101	3
ECE 110	3
ECE 111	3
ECE 114	3
ECE 118	3

<u>Spring Semester</u>	
ECE 116	3
ECE 117	3
ECE 210	3
ENGL 101 (or ENGL 105,110)	3
PSYCH 110	3

<u>Fall Semester</u>	
COMM 101	3
ECE 113	3
ED 105	3
ED 220	3
PSYCH 150	3

<u>Spring Semester</u>	
ECE 102	2
ECE 103	2
ECE 203	3
ECE 221	3
ECE 290	2-3
Fine Arts Elective	3

Additional Program Information:

Students who begin in Spring may not finish in a two-year time frame.

Early Childhood Education Courses		Credit Hours	ECE AAS 0011	ECE Basic Certificate 2135	ECE Intermediate Certificate 2136	ECE Advanced Certificate 2137	Basic Nanny Certificate 2138
COMM 101	Public Speaking	3	X		X	X	
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	X	X	X	X	
ECE 102	School-Age Child Care	2	X				
ECE 103	Child Guidance	2	X				
ECE 110	Health, Nutrition, and Safety for Young Children	3	X		X	X	X
ECE 111	Teaching Children's Literature	3	X		X	X	X
ECE 113	Art, Music & Drama for Young Children	3	X	X	X	X	X
ECE 114	Play Activities for Young Children	3	X	X		X	X
ECE 116	Infant/Toddler Development	3	X	X	X	X	X
ECE 117	Math for Young Children	3	X			x	
ECE 118	Science for Young Children	3	X	X	X	X	
ECE 203	Child, Family and Community	3	X				
ECE 210	Curriculum Design for Early Childhood	3	X		X	X	
ECE 221	Teaching Strategies for Special Needs	3	X				
ECE 290	Work Experience Practicum & Seminar	2-3	X				
ED 105	Using Technology in the Classroom	3	X			X	
ED 199	Topics in Education	1		X			
ED 220	Exceptional Child	3	X			X	
ENGL 101	Composition 1 (or ENGL 105 or ENGL 110)	3	X	X	X	X	
HLTH 100	First Aid Training	1					X
HLTH 110	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	0.5					X
PSYCH 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	X		X	X	
PSYCH 150	Child Psychology	3	X			X	
Directed Electives: Fine Arts (ART 100 or MUSIC 100 recommended)		3	X				
Total Hours			60-61	16	30	45	16.5