

Program: Early Childhood Education

Program Description:

Students prepare for careers in Early Childhood Education (ECE) for such positions as Early Learning Program teacher, assistant teacher, program supervisor, and/or center director. The ECE curriculum prepares students to work with children birth to 8 years of age in diverse early childhood environments. The curriculum is based on the national standards outlined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the national accreditation standards. Early Childhood students will combine learned theories and practical laboratory experiences with young children in early childhood education programs under supervision with qualified educators.

For program costs and fees refer to the catalog TUITION AND FEES PAGE.

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. Create/design, implement and assess meaningful, culturally linguistic and ability diverse learning experiences
2. Use specialized knowledge of child development and of individual children to create developmentally appropriate intentional and challenging learning environments
3. Skillfully observe, document and assess all children's development and learning in collaboration with families
4. Build positive relationships and guide all children with reflective, thoughtful interactions
5. Build culturally inclusive and respectful partnerships with children's families and their communities
6. Engage in professional behavior, following the NAEYC Code of Ethics and utilize community resources
7. Recognize the obligation to lifelong learning and continued professional development

Early Childhood Education-AL AAS (90 credits)

Required Courses

QTR. 1	ECED&132	Infant and Toddler Care	3	
	ECED&134	Family Child Care	3	
	ECED&136	School Age Care	3	(not listed previously)
	ECED&139	Administration of EL	3	
QTR. 2	ECED&105	Intro to Early Childhood Education	5	
	ECED&107	Health, Nutrition and Safety	5	
	ECED&170	Environments for Young Children	3	
QTR. 3	ECED&120	Practicum - Nurturing Relationships	2	
	EDUC&115	Child Development	5	

	EDUC&130	Guiding Behavior	3
	EDUC&150	Child, Family and Community	3
QTR. 4	ECED&160	Curriculum Development	5
	ECED&180	Language & Literacy Development	3
	ECED&190	Observation and Assessment	9
QTR. 5	ECE204	Early Childhood Practicum II	2
	ECE207	Professionalism	5
	ECE210	Early Childhood Practicum III	2
QTR. 6	ECE211	Emotional and Social Development	3
	EDUC&203	Exceptional Child	3
QTR. 7	ECE212	Cognitive Development	5
	ECE213	Creative Experience - Art & Movement	5

Electives

ECE296	Work-Based Learning Experience
	Instr App Req

Early Childhood Education-AL AAS-T (90 credits)

Required Courses

QTR. 1	ECED&132	Infant and Toddler Care	3
	ECED&134	Family Child Care	3
	ECED&136	School Age Care	3 (not listed in previously)
	ECED&139	Administration of EL	3
QTR. 2	ECED&105	Intro to Early Childhood Education	5
	ECED&107	Health, Nutrition and Safety	5
	ECED&170	Environments for Young Children	3
QTR. 3	ECED&120	Practicum - Nurturing Relationships	2
	EDUC&115	Child Development	5
	EDUC&130	Guiding Behavior	3
	EDUC&150	Child, Family and Community	3
QTR. 4	ECED&160	Curriculum Development	5
	ECED&180	Language & Literacy Development	3

	ECED&190	Observation and Assessment	3
QTR. 5	ECE204	Early Childhood Practicum II	2
	ECE207	Professionalism	5
	ECE210	Early Childhood Practicum III	2
QTR. 6	ECE211	Emotional and Social Development	3
	EDUC&203	Exceptional Child	3
QTR. 7	ECE212	Cognitive Development	5
	ECE213	Creative Experience - Art & Movement	5

State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization - School Age Care Certificate of Training (20 credits)

Required Courses

QTR. 1	ECED&105	Intro to Early Childhood Education	5
	ECED&107	Health, Nutrition and Safety	5
QTR. 2	ECED&120	Practicum - Nurturing Relationships	2
	EDUC&115	Child Development	3
	ECED&136	School Age Care	3 (not listed previously)