

Early Childhood Education – Diploma

Credit 30 semester hours



The Early Childhood Education Diploma program is designed to provide an introduction to the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of children from birth through age 8. This program helps prepare students for a rewarding career nurturing the growth and development of young children. Students learn about child development, the child care field, and appropriate practices while working with children. In addition, this program addresses the competencies and functional areas necessary for students to begin the assessment and testing process for the Child Development Associate National Credential administered by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. Students can enter employment in an early childhood area upon completion of the program. Additionally, students have the option to continue their education and earn an associate and/or bachelor degree.

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed curriculum (at least 30 semester hours) with an average grade point of 2.00 (C), the student is awarded a diploma.

Required Courses

ECE-103 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3 s.h.
ECE-131 Home and School Relationships in Early Childhood	3 s.h.
ECE-133 Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3 s.h.
ECE-159 Early Childhood Curriculum II	3 s.h.
ECE-170 Child Growth and Development	3 s.h.
ECE-243 Early Childhood Guidance	3 s.h.

Suggested Electives - 12 s.h. needed

ART-102 Art for Elementary Education	3 s.h.
BIO-123 Inquiry Into Life Science.....	4 s.h.
EDU-216 Introduction to Teaching	3 s.h.
EDU-219 Field Experience and Seminar	1 s.h.
EDU-235 Children's Literature	3 s.h.
EDU-246 Including Diverse Learners	3 s.h.
MAT-153 Math for Elementary Teachers I	4 s.h.
MAT-154 Math for Elementary Teachers II	4 s.h.
PSY-223 Child and Adolescent Psychology	3 s.h.
PSY-281 Educational Psychology	3 s.h.

Career Opportunities

Successful graduates can find job opportunities in the following occupational areas:

- Child Care Centers
- Preschools
- In-home Day Care Centers

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