

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Early Childhood Education certificate is designed to prepare students for employment as aides, teachers, directors, and entrepreneurs in preschools, child care centers (including infant/toddler facilities), and family child care programs. Courses are also appropriate for parents, nannies, camp counselors, recreation leaders, elementary teaching assistants, social service and health care practitioners, administrators and others working with young children.

Student Learning Outcomes for this certificate are:

- Evaluate the needs, the characteristics, and the multiple influences on development of children birth to age eight as related to high quality care and education of young children.
- Design, implement, and evaluate environments and activities that support positive, developmental play and learning outcomes for all children.
- Apply effective guidance and interaction strategies that support all children's social learning, identity, and self-confidence.
- Develop strategies that promote partnerships between programs, teachers, families, and their communities.
- Demonstrate ethical standards and professional behaviors that deepen understanding, knowledge, and commitment to the early childhood profession.

A. REQUIRED COURSES:

All courses from the following (32 units):

- ECE 100 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Young Children
- ECE 101 Practices and Principles of Teaching Young Children
- ECE 102/PSY 102 Child and Adolescent Growth and Development
- ECE 103 Child, Family, and Community
- ECE 110 Introduction to Curriculum
- ECE 124 Observation and Assessment
- ECE 126 Teaching in a Diverse Society
- ECE 202 Practicum in Early Childhood Programs: Field Experience