

Certificate**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

If you enjoy children and creative activities, possess patience, excellent communication skills, sound decision-making abilities, and have a strong work ethic, HGTC's Early Childhood Development Certificate (ECD) might be the right path for you. Early Childhood Development professionals work in partnership with families to create a nurturing environment that is respectful of culture and rich in experiences to promote the optimal growth and development of each child. Students in this program receive the tools and resources necessary to provide language- and literacy-rich environments, appropriate math and science skills, an inquiry-based approach to learning about the world, and safe, healthy environments that promote emotional and social well-being. The program includes interactive classroom experiences, as well as off-site experiences in a variety of childcare and early education environments.

Program Information

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

- Criminal Background Check is a prerequisite for lab classes and field experiences in licensed child care centers (not required for ECD 101)
- Obtain Negative PPD (not required for ECD 101)
- Obtain certification in Pediatric CPR and First Aid prior to graduation (ECD 135)

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all ECD-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Most Early Care and Education (ECD) courses are offered only once each year, so following the recommended course sequence is extremely important.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

First Semester - Fall	Course Title	Semester Credit Hours
ECD 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	3
ECD 102	Growth and Development I	3
ECD 132	Creative Experiences	3
	TOTAL	9
Second Semester - Spring		
ECD 105	Guidance - Classroom Management**	3
ECD 131	Language Arts**	3
ECD 203	Growth and Development II*	3
	TOTAL	9
Third Semester - Summer		
ECD 107	Exceptional Child*/***	3
ECD 133	Science and Math Concepts**	3
ECD 135	Health, Safety, and Nutrition**/**	3
	TOTAL	9
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	27

*Students are required to conduct observations of children, families and learning environments in a variety of early childhood settings.

**Students are required to participate in lab/class assignments involving visits to and/or work in licensed childcare facilities.

***ECD 107 is also available in the spring and ECD 135 is also available in the fall.

Students in this program are strongly encouraged to take classes in this order.

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