

Certificate**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

The Early Childhood Development certificate prepares students for careers and/or advancement in the early childhood profession. Graduates will be qualified to work in childcare centers, family childcare homes, morning preschool programs, after-school programs, summer camp programs, and some private school programs.

The Early Care and Education program is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children).

PROGRAM INFORMATION**Specific Admission Requirements for Program**

- Criminal Background Check is a prerequisite for labs and licensed child care centers (not required for ECD 101)
- Obtain certification in Pediatric CPR and First Aid prior to graduation

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**

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 visitations to and/or work in licensed childcare facilities.

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