

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.

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 Negative PPD (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	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 visitations to and/or work in licensed childcare facilities.

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