EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Overview

Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Code: 10-307-1

For more information: wctc.edu/early-edu *(http://www.wctc.edu/early-edu/)*

Learning that happens in early childhood settings provides children with a strong educational foundation. In this program, gain an understanding of the principles of early childhood education and learn to facilitate young children's learning and development through class work and practical experience. Explore child development, child behavior, developmentally appropriate practices and strategies for working with parents.

Please note: A physical examination and caregiver background check is required prior to a field placement internship course.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

Core Courses = C
General Studies Courses = C-
Program GPA = 2.0

Build your degree along a career pathway. Start with a couple of courses or an entry-level credential to enter the job market in your area of interest, then continue with higher credentials on your educational path for job advancement and higher wages.

Career Pathway

1. Early Childhood Education Preschool Credential 24
2. Early Childhood Education 60

Related Certificates that can be earned along the way.

- Infant Toddler Credential Technical Certificate (https://catalog.wctc.edu/programs/infant-toddler-credential/)

Learning Outcomes
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1. Apply child development theory to practice.
2. Cultivate relationships with children, family, and the community.
3. Assess child growth and development.
4. Use effective, research-based practices in teaching and learning.
5. Demonstrate professionalism.
6. Integrate health, safety, and nutrition practices.

Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multi-cultural, and collaborative,** all students are given opportunities to develop and demonstrate Critical Life Skills, both in and out of the classroom. The following Critical Life Skills are learning outcomes for WCTC students.

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.
- **Self-management:** Demonstrate responsible and respectful behavior.

Required Courses

Listed below are the required courses for the program. To view the recommended sequence for taking courses click on the plan of study tab(s) above. Work with your Academic Advisor to design a program plan!

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when Early Childhood Education, **Blended Options** courses will be offered (term and time of day).

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when Early Childhood Education, **Traditional Track** courses will be offered (term and time of day).

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
307-108	ECE: Early Language & Literacy	3
Approved Substitute: 307-166		
307-110	ECE: Soc S, Art, & Music	3
Approved Substitute: 307-178		
307-112	ECE: STEM	3
Approved Substitute: 307-194		
307-148	ECE: Foundations of ECE	3
307-151	ECE: Infant & Toddler Dev	3
307-160	ECE: Field Experience 1	3
Approved Substitute: 307-174		
307-167	ECE: Hlth Safety & Nutrition	3
307-170	ECE: Field Experience 2	3
Approved Substitutes: 307-175 OR 307-102 OR 307-192		
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
Approved Substitute: 552-106		
307-187	ECE: Children w Diff Abilities	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Child Behavior	3
307-190	ECE: Field Experience 3	3
Approved Substitute: 307-197		
307-195	ECE: Family & Community Rel	3
Elective: Recommend 307-169 (ECE: Infant and Toddler Group Care)		3
307-210	ECE: Field Experience 4	3
Approved Substitute: 307-199		
General Studies		
801-136	English Composition 1	3
Approved Substitute: 801-223		
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Approved Substitute: 801-198		
804-123	Math w Business Apps	3
Approved Substitutes: 804-107 OR 804-115 OR 804-116 OR 804-118 OR 804-195 OR 804-198 OR 804-211		
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
809-198	Intro to Psychology	3
Total Credits		**60**

Full-time, Fall Start Plan

Newly admitted fall start students have an option to get an early start on classes by taking Foundations of Early Childhood Education in the summer

First Year

Fall Term 1

		Credits
307-160	ECE: Field Experience 1 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
307-167	ECE: Hlth Safety & Nutrition	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
	Credits	**9**

Fall Term 2

307-148	ECE: Foundations of ECE	3
307-110	ECE: Soc S, Art, & Music	3
	Credits	**6**

Spring Term 1

307-170	ECE: Field Experience 2 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Child Behavior	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
	Credits	**9**

Spring Term 2

307-108	ECE: Early Language & Literacy	3
804-123	Math w Business Apps	3
	Credits	**6**

Second Year

Summer Term

801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
	Credits	**3**

Fall Term 1

307-190	ECE: Field Experience 3 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
307-151	ECE: Infant & Toddler Dev	3
809-198	Intro to Psychology	3
	Credits	**9**

Fall Term 2

307-195	ECE: Family & Community Rel	3
	Credits	**3**

Winter Interim

Elective (suggested course 307-169 ECE: Infant Toddler Group Care)		3
	Credits	**3**

Spring Term 1

307-210	ECE: Field Experience 4 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
307-187	ECE: Children w Diff Abilities	3
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
	Credits	**9**

Spring Term 2

307-112	ECE: STEM	3
	Credits	**3**
	Total Credits	**60**

Full-Time, Spring Start Plan

First Year

Spring Term 1

		Credits
307-160	ECE: Field Experience 1 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
307-167	ECE: Hlth Safety & Nutrition	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
	Credits	**9**

Spring Term 2

307-110	ECE: Soc S, Art, & Music	3
804-123	Math w Business Apps	3
	Credits	**6**

Summer Term

307-148	ECE: Foundations of ECE	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
	Credits	**6**

Fall Term 1

307-170	ECE: Field Experience 2 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Child Behavior	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
	Credits	**9**

Fall Term 2

307-108	ECE: Early Language & Literacy	3
	Credits	**3**

Second Year

Winter Interim

Elective (Suggested course 307-169 Group Care for Infants and Toddlers)		3
	Credits	**3**

Spring Term 1

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809-198	Intro to Psychology	3
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Spring Term 2

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	Credits	**3**

Summer Term

307-187	ECE: Children w Diff Abilities	3
	Credits	**3**

Fall Term 1

307-210	ECE: Field Experience 4 This course runs 16 weeks.	3
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	Credits	**6**

Fall Term 2

809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
	Credits	**3**
	Total Credits	**60**