

Early Childhood Education

Career Studies Certificate

Purpose: The program is designed to provide students with the basic skills needed in the care and development of young children in a variety of child care settings. The program provides training appropriate for persons entering the field of early childhood education, as well as in-service training for persons presently working in the field who wish to upgrade their skills. The program also offers a well-organized course of study for parents who wish to increase their understanding of child development.

Occupational Objectives: Early childhood educators are primarily employed in child care centers and nursery schools. However, they may also be employed in: recreational centers , kindergartens (as assistants), hospital playrooms ,out-of-school care programs, centers for special needs children, early intervention programs, family support programs and resource centers, women's shelters and/or speech therapy offices. The training and qualifications required of childcare workers vary widely. Each state has its own licensing requirements that regulate caregiver training.

Admission Requirements: General college curricular admission

Program Notes: In addition to the general college curricular admission requirements, a personal interview with the program head is recommended. Students must attain a grade of "C" or higher in all courses completed in this program with CHD, HLT, and PSY course prefixes.

CURRICULUM				
COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	2	2	3
CHD 205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3	0	3
HLT 135	Child Health and Nutrition	3	0	3
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TOTAL		14	2	15
¹ A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and personal wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design. Students may also take ENG 111.				