

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate in Applied Science



The Early Childhood Education degree combines understanding and application of theory with practical experiences working directly with young children, newborn through preschool.

The educational outcomes of this program include:

- Learning stages and development of the young child
- A variety of instructional strategies
- Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation techniques to foster positive social interaction and engagement
- Planning and assessment of lessons and activities based on subject matter knowledge and State/National standards
- Ethical behavior to support students learning & well-being

Graduates may pursue careers with:

- Child Care Centers
- Head Start Programs
- Family Child Care Facilities
- Nursery Schools
- Special Needs Programs

With a four-year degree, individuals may become:

- Education Technicians
- Certified Teachers
- Continuing Education Instructors for Pre-K to 12 Certified Teachers

Degree Requirements

Semester I		Credit Hours
ECE 100	Introduction to Early Care and Education	3
ENG ____	Select <u>one</u> of the following:	
	*ENG 101 College Writing	
	ENG 105 College Writing Seminar	(4)
PSY 114	Child Development	3
SOC 220	Sociology of the Family	3
*MAT ____	Elective: Select one of the following:	3
	MAT 100, 101, 102, 122, or 135	
Semester II		
ECE 105	Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3
ECE 147	Infant and Toddler Field Work & Prep	3
ECE 150	Language and Literacy for Young Children	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
COM ____	Select <u>one</u> of the following:	3
	COM 100 Public Speaking	
	COM 101 Interpersonal Communication	
Semester III		
ECE 113	Curriculum and Environments for Young Children	3
ECE 297	Pre-School Field Experience	3
ECE 205	Education of Children with Special Needs	3
____	Elective: Lab Science; select <u>one</u> of the following sets of courses:	4
	BIO 101/102	
	BIO 115/116	
	CHY 101/102	
____	Writing course (see page 34-35)	3
Semester IV		
____	Elective: ECE or EDU	3
ECE 298	Capstone in Early Childhood Education	6
EDU 284	Guidance and Self-Regulation	3
____	Elective: ECE	3
Total Credit Hour Requirements		61

*Placement determined by assessment test scores and/or prior college coursework



Early Childhood Education Degree Prerequisites/Requirements:

Students will be required to have a record of SBI (State Bureau of Identification) and a child protective report on file with Central Maine Community College. Field experience sites retain the right to accept or deny placement of students based on many conditions, including criminal and child protective records. Therefore, criminal or child protective history could jeopardize an individual's ability to successfully meet all the requirements of the program.

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