



# Early Childhood Education

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATES

***Make a difference in a child's life!  
An HCC Early Childhood Education (ECE)  
certificate can help you prepare for the  
career direction that's right for you.***

***Degree Offerings:***

- > Early Childhood Inclusive Education

***Certificate Offerings:***

- > Child Development Associate Preparation
- > Early Childhood Education
- > Early Childhood Education Administrator
- > Infant/Toddler
- > NEW! Family Engagement Certificate

Learn more about each of these offerings on the back.

### **CAREER READINESS SKILLS**

#### **Critical Thinking/Problem-Solving**

Form creative decisions by interpreting information, opinions and data.

#### **Oral/Written Communication**

Explain thoughts and ideas effectively to people inside and outside the organization.

#### **Teamwork**

Work efficiently with diverse groups; the ability to negotiate and manage conflict maturely.

#### **Digital Technology**

Demonstrate adaptability to new emerging technology to achieve goals.

#### **Leadership**

Leverage the strength of others to achieve common goals, as well as prioritizing and delegating work.

#### **Professionalism**

Recognizing the significance of time, tasks, appearance and accountability.

#### **Career Management**

Understand how to self-advocate for opportunities, while identifying areas necessary for professional growth.

#### **Global Perspective**

Openness, inclusiveness, and sensitivity to people of diverse backgrounds and lifestyles.

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## DEGREE OFFERING

### Early Childhood Inclusive Education (EA99)

This program is designed to prepare qualified students to become teachers and teachers' assistants in the field of early care and education. This program equips students with the skills and competencies to work effectively with young children 0-8 years old or to apply to a four/five year teacher certification program for elementary school-age children. Instruction is designed to be practical and heavily supplemented with field observations, internships, workshops, and seminars.

#### Freshman Year

ENG\* E101 - Composition (3 credits)  
PSY\* E111 - General Psychology I (3 credits)  
Elective (SCKX) - Scientific Knowledge & Understanding (3-4 credits) <sup>2</sup>  
ECE\* E101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)  
ECE\* E103 - Creative Experiences (3 credits)  
ENG\* E102 - Literature & Composition (3 credits)  
or Elective (WRIX) - Written Communication in English II (3 credits)  
SOC\* E101 - Principles of Sociology (3 credits)  
PSY\* E202 - Child Psychology & Development (3 credits)  
ECE\* E190 - ECE Behavior Management (3 credits)  
ECE\* E210 - Observation, Participation and Seminar (3 credits)

#### Sophomore Year

Elective (SOPX) - Social Phenomena II (3 credits) 2  
Elective (MATH) - Mathematics (3-4 credits) <sup>1</sup>  
HIS\* E201 - U.S. History I (3 credits)  
ECE\* E207 - Natural Science and Safety for Children (3 credits)  
ECE\* E215 - The Exceptional Learner (3 credits)  
Elective (AESX) - Aesthetic Dimensions (3 credits) 2  
ECE\* E222 - Methods & Techniques in ECE (3 credits)  
ECE\* E231 - Early Language and Literacy Development (3 credits)  
ECE\* E295 - Student Teaching Practicum (6 credits)

**Total Credits: 60 - 62**

<sup>1</sup> MAT\* E075 or MAT\* E095 not acceptable.

<sup>2</sup> All general education courses should be based on student's career objectives. It is recommended that selection of general education courses be discussed with the program advisors.

## CERTIFICATE OFFERINGS

### Early Childhood Education (EJ89)

Designed for the student who is interested in, or presently employed in the field of early childhood education. Instruction is designed to provide for teaching methods in early care and education centers. Credits may be applied to an associate degree program in Early Childhood Education.

#### First Semester

ENG\* E101 - Composition (3 credits)  
PSY\* E111 - General Psychology I (3 credits)  
ECE\* E101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)  
ECE\* E106 - Music & Movement for Children (3 credits)  
or ECE\* E103 - Creative Experiences (3 credits)

#### Second Semester

ECE\* E190 - ECE Behavior Management (3 credits)  
ECE\* E210 - Observation, Participation and Seminar (3 credits)  
PSY\* E202 - Child Psychology & Development (3 credits)

#### Third Semester

ECE\* E207 - Natural Science and Safety for Children (3 credits)  
ECE\* E222 - Methods & Techniques in ECE (3 credits)  
ECE\* E231 - Early Language and Literacy Development (3 credits)

**Total Credits: 30**

### Family Engagement

HCC Early Childhood Inclusive Education Program is offering a NEW, 12 credit, Family Engagement Certificate for early childhood educators in the surrounding community. Required coursework includes: ECE 101, ECE 275, HSE 121, SOC 210

#### Courses:

ECE 101 Intro to Early Childhood Education  
ECE 275 Child, Family, and School Relations  
SOC 210 Sociology of Family  
HSE 121 Strategies for Developing Capable Children and Youth

### Child Development Associate Preparation (CDA) (EJ73)

This option is for Head Start, Day Care, Nursery, or Family Day Care providers who wish to obtain a CDA through the National Credentialing Program. To prepare for a CDA, an individual must successfully complete:

#### Courses

ECE\* E101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)  
Elective (ECE\*) - Early Childhood Education (3 credits)  
ECE\* E180 - CDA Credential Preparation (3 credits)

**Total Credits: 9**

### Early Childhood Education Administrator (EJ79)

Students will know, understand and be able to implement strategies to administer an early childhood program. They will be able to use learned strategies to supervise early childhood educators and to effectively communicate with parents and community members about issues concerning the care and education of young children.

#### Courses:

ECE\* E101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)  
ECE\* E206 - Administration and Supervision of Early Childhood Programs (3 credits)  
ECE\* E212 - Administrative Leadership in Early Childhood Programs (3 credits)  
ECE\* E275 - Child, Family, and School Relations (3 credits)

**Total Credits: 12**

### Infant/Toddler (EJ07)

This program is designed to serve people who are interested in, or working as child care providers, and who wish to be certified in this area. Some credits may be applied to an associate degree program in Early Childhood Education.

#### First Semester:

ENG\* E101 - Composition (3 credits)  
ECE\* E103 - Creative Experiences (3 credits)  
PSY\* E111 - General Psychology I (3 credits)  
ECE\* E207 - Natural Science and Safety for Children (3 credits)

#### Second Semester:

ECE\* E190 - ECE Behavior Management (3 credits)  
ECE\* E210 - Observation, Participation and Seminar (3 credits)  
ECE\* E231 - Early Language and Literacy Development (3 credits)  
PSY\* E202 - Child Psychology & Development (3 credits)

**Total Credits: 24**