





# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AAS

Associate of Applied Science

BCCC's Early Childhood Education program graduates are fully qualified for certification as directors or senior staff members of child-care programs. Students can expand their job opportunities by earning a certificate in Special Education Assistant, in addition to the Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

The course of study includes theories of child development and programming for children, theoretical coursework, supervised field placement, and observation. Students are encouraged to develop their skills and techniques, for working with small groups of children in activities such as music, art, storytelling, science, and mathematics. Students learn to create and plan instruction based on individual and group needs and can work with different staff members and groups.

BCCC's Early Childhood Education program is designed to offer several pathways in the field. A degree in Early Childhood Education provides the educational background for entrepreneurship as a family childcare provider, to teach and direct young children in early learning and preschool centers.

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60 credit hours



### **CAREER OPTIONS**

- · Family Child Care Provider
- · Child Care Director
- Child Care Center Teacher/Director
- Before and After School Teacher
- Public School Paraprofessional
- Hospital Child Life Specialist Assistant

#### BCCC'S ADVANTAGE

- Many students are recipients of the MSDE Child Care Career Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF) which provides books, fees, and tuition.
- Community Workforce Partnerships
- ECE students can pursue entry-level positions in the childcare workforce after the first nine credits in the ECE course of study.

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#### **SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES**

Every degree-seeking student must complete the College's General Education Requirements in addition to the requirements of his/her academic program. Through the College's General Education Requirements, students acquire basic knowledge of the disciplines in the areas of arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, biological and physical sciences, mathematics, English composition, and computer literacy.

1ST SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE #
Preparation for Academic Achievement	1	PRE 100
Computers for Business Management	3	BUA 112
Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3	ECE 111
English Writing	3	ENG 101
Health and Life Fitness	2	HLF ELEC
Introductory Psychology	3	PSY 101
	15 Credits	

2ND SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE#
MD Child Day Care Training Certification: Child Growth and Development, Part I	3	ECE 112
MD Child Day Care Training Certification: Programs and Activities, Part II	3	ECE 113
Modern Elementary Statistics or Finite Mathematics	3	MAT 107 or MAT 125
Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	SPE 101
Biological and Physical Sciences	3	GEN ED REQ
	15 Credits	

3RD SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE #
Caring for Infants and Toddlers	3	ECE 114
Developmental Process and the Acquisition of Reading Competency	3	EDU 215
Guiding Behavior in Young Children	3	ECE 117
School-Age Child Care: Curriculum and Activities	3	ECE 119
Special Education: An Overview	3	SED 220
	15 Credits	

4TH SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE#
Nutrition, Health and Safety for Young Children	3	ECE 211
Educational Psychology	3	PSY 201
General Education Elective	3	GEN ED REQ
Planning and Administering Programs for Children	3	ECE 217
Early Childhood Education Capstone Field Experience	3	ECE 222
	15 Credits	