

Early Care and Education

Early Care and Education Associate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

This program gives students an understanding of the needs of young children and prepares them to implement quality pre-school programming. An introduction to administration of programs for young children is also included.

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s)

Type of Program:

Day, evening, and limited online

Employment Opportunities:

Child care programs, preschools, Head Start programs, child development centers, after school programs, programs for children with special needs, public school teacher assistant, self-employment

- Upon enrollment in a lab course, students must have
 - Documentation of a criminal record check in compliance with S.C. Code Section 63-13-40.
 - Documentation of freedom from TB, signed by health care provider.
- A minimum grade of "C" is required for all ECD courses in order to count toward graduation.
- The associate degree alone does not grant teacher licensure or teacher certification.
- Listed below is the ideal grouping of courses in order by semester. This plan assumes a full-time schedule. Note, however, that many variables can affect this plan, and not every course is offered every semester. Please see your advisor to map out your own personalized progression toward graduation
- This program is accredited through NAEYC.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester - Fall

ECD	101	Introduction to Early Childhood	3.0
ECD	102	Growth and Development I**	3.0
ENG	101	English Composition I*	3.0
ECD	105	Guidance - Classroom Management	3.0

Second Semester - Spring

ECD	108	Family and Community Relations	3.0
ECD	203	Growth and Development II**	3.0
ECD	135	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
SPC	205	Public Speaking*	3.0

Third Semester - Summer

ECD	106	Observation of Young Children**	3.0
MAT	155	Contemporary Mathematics*	3.0

Fourth Semester - Fall

ECD	107	Exceptional Children	3.0
ECD	132	Creative Experiences**	3.0
ECD	133	Science and Math Concepts	3.0
ECD	201	Principles of Ethics and Leadership in Early Care & Education	3.0

Fifth Semester - Spring

ECD	131	Language Arts**	3.0
ECD	237	Methods and Materials	3.0
PSY	201	General Psychology*	
		ECD Elective (Choose One from List Below) ***	3.0

Sixth Semester - Summer

ECD	243	Supervised Field Experience I**	3.0
		Humanities Requirement*	3.0

Total Required Credit Hours: 60.0

*General education course

**Course with required lab hours in the Greenville Technical College Child Development Center

***ECD Elective - Choose One: ECD 109, ECD 205, ECD 207, ECD 210, ECD 252, ECD 254, ECD 259, ECD 260, or ECD 280

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