Early Care and Education

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 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

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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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