

Early Childhood Development Certificate in Applied Science

Mission Statement

This program gives students a basic understanding of the needs of young children and prepares them to implement quality pre-school programming.

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, self-employment.

- Upon enrollment in a lab course, students must have
 - Documentation of a criminal background 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.
- 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.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester - Fall

ECD	102	Growth & Development I**	3.0
ECD	105	Guidance - Classroom Management	3.0
ECD	107	Exceptional Children	3.0
ECD	132	Creative Experiences**	3.0
ECD	133	Science & Math Concepts	3.0

Second Semester - Spring

ECD	101	Introduction to Early Childhood	3.0
ECD	131	Language Arts**	3.0
ECD	203	Growth & Development II**	3.0
ECD	135	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3.0

Total Required Credit Hours: 27.0

*General education course

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

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