

Early Childhood Special Education Certificate in Applied Science

Mission Statement

This program will prepare early childhood educators to work with preschool children who are not developing in a typical manner in one or more than one domain of development.

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s)

Type of Program:

Day, evening, and limited online

Employment Opportunities:

Centers for children with special needs, child care centers, preschools, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, child development centers.

- Upon enrollment in a lab course, students must have
 - Documentation of a criminal background check in compliance with the S.C. Code Section 63-13-40.
 - Documentation of freedom from TB, signed by health care provider.
- All courses may be completed online, with the exception of the elective, which indicates a course with required lab hours in a designated program
- 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	107	Exceptional Children	3.0
ECD	135	Health, Safety & Nutrition	3.0
		Elective*	3.0

Second Semester - Spring

ECD	108	Family and Community Relations	3.0
ECD	259	Behavior Management for Special Needs	3.0
ECD	260	Methods of Teaching Special Needs Students	3.0

Third Semester - Summer

ECD	210	Early Childhood Intervention	3.0
ECD	254	Facilitation and Environmental Management for Early Childhood Special Education	3.0
		Elective*	

Total Required Credit Hours:

24.0

*Lab Elective (choose one)

ECD	257	Supervised Field Experience in Early Childhood Special Education	
		or	
ECD	280	Registered Behavior Technician	

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