The Early Care and Education profession offers opportunities for teaching and working in a wide range of programs and agencies that serve young children and their families. Early Care and Education (ECE) professionals nurture, educate, and care for young children from birth to age eight. ECE professionals create learning opportunities that stimulate children’s physical, emotional, cognitive, and social growth to support optimal development.

About our program

The Early Care and Education program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). With a variety of early childhood development programs, Greenville Technical College can prepare you to work in child care centers, family day care, group homes, religious-based centers, recreational facilities, child care centers for children with special needs, after-school programs, Head Start programs, or in the school system as a teacher assistant.

Classes are offered during the day, night, and online, and students may attend part-time or full-time. GTC students have the benefit of learning in a model setting with an on-campus, NAEYC-accredited child development center, serving infants through preschool children. Working under experienced teachers, students plan, implement, and evaluate appropriate activities designed to help children gain social skills, solve problems, and obtain knowledge about their environment. This opportunity allows students to graduate with a broad range of first-hand experiences.

Program Options

- Early Care and Education Associate Degree
- Child Care Assistant Certificate
- Early Childhood Development Certificate
- Early Childhood Special Education Certificate

Greenville Technical College provides equal opportunity and affirmative action in education and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
Coursework includes

- Introduction to Early Childhood
- Guidance & Classroom Management
- Growth & Development
- Principles of Ethics & Leadership
- Family & Community Relations
- Creative Experiences
- Health, Safety & Nutrition
- Diversity Issues in Early Care & Education
- Methods & Materials
- Exceptional Children
- Science & Math Concepts
- Administration & Supervision

In addition, the program offers specialized courses for working with infants and toddlers, school age children, children with special needs, and program administration.

Visit www.gvltec.edu/earlycare/ for further information.