

Early Care and Education Diploma

Degree Type

Diploma

DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION 43 SEMESTER HOURS

The Early Childhood Development diploma program offers students a basic understanding of the needs of young children. The diploma is organized with standards from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Students are trained to implement quality pre-school programming. They also learn growth and development principles, teaching methods, health, safety and nutrition, discipline techniques, and developmentally-appropriate curriculum methods for promoting effective family/program partnerships.

Graduates of this program are qualified for employment in child development centers, nursery schools, and as teachers' aides in private schools. This program also is an excellent resource for child development teachers and administrators who want to upgrade their job skills and parents who want to learn more about the development of young children.

Special Admissions Requirements

- Meet the program requirements required for admission.
- Complete a physical exam, including T.B. screening and hepatitis vaccines, when applicable.
- Satisfactory background check, when applicable.

Fall I

Course Number	Title	Credits
COL-101	College Orientation	1
CPT-101	Introduction to Computers	3
ECD-101	Intro to Early Childhood	3
ECD-131	Language Arts	3
ENG-101	English Composition	3

[CPT-170](#) may be taken in place of [CPT-101](#).

Spring I

Course Number	Title	Credits
ECD-102	Growth & Development I	3
ECD-203	Growth & Development II	3
	Directed Elective (3 credits)	3
MAT-101	Beginning Algebra	3
MUS-105	Music Appreciation	3
PSY-201	General Psychology	3

[MAT-110](#) or [MAT-120](#) may be taken in place of [MAT-101](#).

[ART-101](#) may be taken in place of [MUS-105](#).

Summer I

Course Number	Title	Credits
ECD-105	Guidance-Classroom Management	3
ECD-108	Family & Commun Relation	3
ECD-133	Science & Math Concepts	3
ECD-135	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3

[CPT-170](#), [ENT-101](#), [MAT-110](#), [MAT-120](#), [MUS-105](#), [ART-101](#), and [PSY-201](#) are Statewide University Transfer courses - Admissions standards are more stringent. Check with your academic advisor.

Total Credits	43
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