



# Early Childhood

curriculum code: 1327 | HEGIS code: 5503

minimum credit hours required: 60

This degree program is designed to develop the skills needed to be a successful early childhood professional and is directed toward students planning to work with young children in a variety of early care and education settings, in titles such as assistant teacher or lead teacher in preschools, childcare centers, and in school-age childcare settings. In addition, the program provides opportunities for those already employed in childcare facilities, including family care providers and those holding Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials, to update and refresh their knowledge and skills. Early childhood educators need to teach and develop programs, cultivate strong written and oral communication skills, and inform the public about children and family issues. The program also provides students with the opportunity to continue their education beyond the level of a certificate to that of an A.A.S. in early childhood education with the added possibility of transferring to a bachelor's level program in early childhood education.

REQUIRED COURSES	CR	JCC	SUNY	LAS
INT 1555: Inquire	2	Inquiry- Critical & Integrative Reasoning		X
ENG 1510: English Composition I	3	College Composition	HUMN	H
ENG 1530: English Composition II	3	College Comp & Oral Communication	COMW & COMO	H
Mathematics Elective - SUNY Gen Ed	3	SUNY Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning	MATH	N
Natural Sciences Elective - SUNY Gen Ed	3	SUNY Natural Science & Scientific Reasoning	NSCI	N
PSY 1510: General Psychology	3	SUNY Social Science	SOSC	S
PSY 2520: Child Development	3	Cultural Understanding	SOSC	S
EDU 2460: Field Experience - Exceptional Child	1	Global Perspectives		
EDU 2450: Exceptional Children	3	Diversity	DIVE	
EDU 1290: Introduction to Early Childhood Education Care	3			
EDU 1250: Early Childhood Development	1			
EDU 1260: Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood Development	3			
EDU 1300: Observation & Guidance of Young Children	3			
EDU 1310: Family, School, & Community Relations	3			
EDU 2150: Infant/Toddler Development & Education	3			
EDU 2210: Field Placement I - Education	4			
EDU 2220: Field Placement II - Education	3			
EDU 2440: Children's Literature	3			
EDU 2510: Philosophy and Techniques of Early Childhood Education	3			
Social Sciences Elective	3			S
Open Electives up to 2 credits may need to be SUNY Gen ed specific and may need to fill JCC Essentials Diversity requirements.	4		[2 credits]	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS: 60</b>			20	23

**IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- Individuals who have earned the Child Development Associate (CDA) will receive these 11 JCC credits: EDU 1250, EDU 1260, EDU 1290, and EDU 2210.
- Early childhood development certificate courses are designed as a career ladder leading to the associate degree. They, therefore, change according to changes in New York State education requirements.
- Students must be willing to obtain and pay for any necessary physical or medical examinations or tests, which are required by some internship agencies.
- Enrollment in the program does not guarantee acceptance into field placements in the program.
- Students must complete an application for EDU 2210: Field Placement I, and approval of the application is required for the filed placement to commence. EDU 1290 with a grade of C or better is the prerequisite.
- Some internship agencies require FBI or Child Abuse Registry checks. These processes can be lengthy and may require up to four months in order for approval to be obtained prior to placement.
- Field placement will take place with children in an educational setting.