



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 child care 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.

		Degree Requirements		
LEVEL I: INQUIRE		5 credit hours		
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INT 1555: Inquire	2	Critical & Integrative Reasoning		X
ENG 1510: English Composition I	3	College Composition	HUMA	H
LEVEL II: GROW		31 credit hours		
ENG 1530: English Composition II	3	College Comp & Oral CMM	BCOM	H
Mathematics Elective (college level)	3	Mathematical Reasoning	MATH	N
Natural Sciences Elective - SUNY Gen Ed	3	Natural Sciences - Scientific Reasoning	NSCI	N
PSY 1510: General Psychology	3	Social Sciences - Scientific Reasoning	SOSC	S
PSY 2520: Child Development	3	Cultural Understanding	SOSC	S
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 2440: Children's Literature	3			
Social Sciences Elective	3			S
LEVEL III: CONNECT		20 credit hours		
EDU 2460: Field Experience-Exceptional Child	1	Global Perspectives	X	X
EDU 1290: Introduction to Early Childhood Education Care	3	Applied Learning		
EDU 2150: Infant/Toddler Development & Education	3			
EDU 2210: Field Placement I - Education	4			
EDU 2220: Field Placement II - Education	3			
EDU 2450: Exceptional Children	3			
EDU 2510: Philosophy and Techniques of Early Childhood Education	3			
ELECTIVES		4 credit hours		
Total Credits: 60			not required	25