

Early Childhood Development and Care Certificate



■ CAREER CERTIFICATE MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS

Program Description

The Early Childhood Development and Care certificate program is designed to develop professional career skills in preparation for entry level positions in a child care center. Students will complete nearly 40 hours of observation in local area child care centers in addition to college classroom time. This field experience provides an opportunity to link theory with hands-on practice. Reinforced concepts include child development theory, developmentally appropriate practice, and knowledge of the general operations of a child care center. Eight of the 11 courses in the Early Childhood Development and Care Certificate program directly relate to early childhood and are taught by education department faculty. All courses apply to the Early Childhood Development and Care A.A.S. Degree program. A grade of C or better is required in all EDU courses for progression in the program and graduation.

Program Outcomes

Students will:

- demonstrate a firm foundation of knowledge in child development
- understand essential concepts of developmentally appropriate practice in teaching young children
- understand and value the importance of children's diverse families and communities, and how to use that knowledge to foster respectful, reciprocal relationships with children and their families
- understand and uphold ethical standards and other professional guidelines in the field of early childhood, and engage in practice that is both collaborative and reflective in college classrooms and through field assignments

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission.

Transfer Options

The Early Childhood Development and Care certificate is designed to prepare graduates for immediate entry into the workplace. However, every credit from the certificate will apply to the SUNY Orange Early Childhood Development and Care A.A.S. degree.

Your Career Coach

Career opportunities include entry-level or aide positions in:

- childcare centers
- preschools
- nursery schools

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Early Childhood Development and Care Certificate Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: EDU 101, EDU 105
- Key courses: EDU 101, EDU 105, EDU 107, EDU 109, EDU 111, EDU 202, EDU 208
- Electives:

Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1	P	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology		3
EDU 105	Preparing to Teach Young Children		2
EDU 101	Child Development +		3
PED 156	Infant/Child First Aid and CPR		1
EDU 107	Protecting Children's Well-Being		1
	Total Semester Credits		13

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Attend your first Future Teachers Association meeting, and consider joining this student club
- See Education Department faculty member for progress "check-in"

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- See advisor and register for classes

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2	P	3
EDU 111	Childhood Health and Safety		3
EDU 109	Language and Literacy Development in the Young Child	P	3
EDU 202	Infant and Toddler Development and Curriculum + %		3
EDU 208	Home, School, and Community %	P	3
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- Apply for graduation

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 28

Notes:

+Local daytime observations beyond college classroom required.

%Offered Spring semester only