

Early Childhood Caregiver (ECC)

The purpose of this program is to provide skills and a beginning credential to those individuals working with, or seeking to work with, young children in day care centers or family day care settings.

All courses in the Certificate program are applicable to the Early Childhood Associate in Applied Science degree program.

A Certificate is awarded upon completion of the requirements for this program.

Students who successfully complete the Certificate in Early Childhood Caregiver (ECC) will be able to:

- Promote child development and learning by creating/planning a developmentally appropriate environment with supervision.
- Demonstrate an ability to design learning experiences for young children in a variety of curricular areas.
- Demonstrate an ability to implement and evaluate learning experiences for young children in a classroom with supervision.

Courses should be selected in consultation with an advisor.

First Semester

Course No.	Descriptive Title	Credit Hours
ENG 101	Composition I	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
ECH 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	3
ECH 102	Introductory Seminar: Programs for Young Children	1
ECH 111	Curriculum Activities for Young Children	2
ECH 120	Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3
ECH 121	Infant and Toddler Curriculum Fieldwork (a)	1
TOTAL		16

Second Semester

Course No.	Descriptive Title	Credit Hours
ECH 107	Preparing to Teach Young Children	2
ECH 108	Early Childhood Practicum I (a)	2
PSY 221	Child Development	3
Free Elective	3-4	

BHS 103	Social Problems in Today's World	3
TOTAL		13-14
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	29-30

Note: Students enrolled in ECH 102, ECH 121 and ECH 108 are required to have a physical examination.

a. Transportation to and from practicum sites is the responsibility of the student.

NOTE:

Students enrolled in a Certificate program must complete at least 50% of the program credits at DCC.* Students must earn an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to be awarded the certificate.

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