

BUSINESS & PUBLIC SERVICES TECHNOLOGIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education Degree - A55220

-Day and Evening

The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from birth through eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of children; care and guidance of children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of young children.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and school-age programs.

Early Childhood Education Diploma - D55220A

-Day and Evening

The Early Childhood Education diploma prepares individuals to work as assistants with early childhood specialists in children's centers, nursery schools, kindergartens, child development centers, hospitals, institutions, camps, and recreation centers.

ECE Certificate - C55220D

-Day, Evening, Online

The Early Childhood Education Certificate provides a strong foundation for early childhood professionals working with young children through six courses. The Early Childhood Education Certificate is stackable within the diploma and associate degree. Students will combine learned theories with practice through a practicum experience with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Upon successful completion of EDU 119, the student earns the NC Early Childhood Credential and qualifies to be the lead teacher in a child care center. Additionally, all courses with EDU prefixes are used to evaluate the educational level of each child care provider by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education.

School-Age Certificate - C55220E

- Online

The School-Age Certificate provides a strong foundation for early childhood professionals working with school-age children through six courses. The School-Age Certificate enables the student to receive two state credentials.

Upon successful completion of EDU 119, the student earns the NC Early Childhood Credential and qualifies to be the lead teacher in a child care center.

By successfully completing EDU 145 and either EDU 235 or EDU 263, the student receives the NC School-Age Credential.

Additionally, all courses with EDU prefixes are used to evaluate the educational level of each child care provider by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education.

Preschool Foundation Certificate - C55220G

-Day, Evening, Online

The Early Childhood Education Certificate provides a foundation for early childhood professionals working with young children through five courses. The Early Childhood Education Certificate is stackable within the diploma and associate degree.

Upon completion of EDU 119, the student earns the NC Early Childhood Credential and qualifies to be the lead teacher in a child care center. Additionally, all courses with EDU prefixes are used to evaluate the educational level of each child care provider by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education.

Infant/Toddler Care Certificate - C55290

-Day, Evening, Online

The Infant/Toddler Care Certificate introduces the student to the field of ECE with a concentration of study of children birth through the age of two years through six courses. The Infant/Toddler Care Certificate is stackable within the diploma and associate degree. Students will combine learned theories with practice through a practicum experience with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Upon successful completion of EDU 119, the student earns the NC Early Childhood Credential and qualifies to be the lead teacher in a child care center. Additionally, all courses with EDU prefixes are used to evaluate the educational level of each child care provider by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education. This certificate is listed as one option in obtaining quality points in the Star Rated License System.

PROGRAM SEQUENCE

First Semester

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| EDU 119 | Introduction to Early Childhood Education | 4 |
| EDU 131 | Child, Family, and Community..... | 3 |
| EDU 144 | Child Development I | 3 |
| EDU 153 | Health, Safety, and Nutrition..... | 3 |
| ENG 111 | Writing and Inquiry..... | 3 |

Second Semester

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| EDU 145 | Child Development II | 3 |
| EDU 146 | Child Guidance | 3 |
| EDU 184 | Early Child Intro Practicum | 2 |
| EDU 234 | Infants, Toddlers, & Twos..... | 3 |
| ENG 112 | Writing/Research in the Disc | 3 |

Complete Infant/Toddler Care Certificate (C55290):

EDU 119, EDU 131, EDU 144, EDU 153, EDU 234, EDU 184

Complete Early Childhood Education ECE Certificate (C55220D):

EDU 119, EDU 131, EDU 153, EDU 145, EDU 146, EDU 184

Complete Preschool Foundation Certificate (C55220G):

EDU 119, EDU 131, EDU 144, EDU 145, EDU 146

Third Semester

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| EDU 151 | Creative Activities | 3 |
| EDU 157 | Active Play..... | 3 |
| SOC 210 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |

Complete Early Childhood Education Diploma (D55220A):

ENG 111, ENG 112, SOC 210, EDU 119, EDU 131, EDU 144, EDU 145, EDU 146, EDU 151, EDU 153, EDU 234, EDU 157, EDU 184

Fourth Semester

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| EDU 271 | Educational Technology | 3 |
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| EDU 282 | Early Childhood Literature..... | 3 |
| HUM 115 | Critical Thinking..... | 3 |
| OR | | |
| PHI 240 | Introduction to Ethics..... | 3 |
| OR | | |
| ART 111 | Art Appreciation..... | 3 |
| MAT 110 | Math Measurement & Literacy | 3 |
| OR | | |
| MAT 143 | Quantitative Literacy | 3 |
| ___ ___ | Elective I (choose a minimum of 3 credit) | 3 |

Fifth Semester

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| EDU 251 | Exploration Activities | 3 |
| EDU 251A | Exploration Activities Lab | 1 |
| EDU 221 | Children with Exceptionalities | 3 |
| EDU 280 | Language and Literacy Experiences..... | 3 |
| EDU 284 | Early Child Capstone Prac..... | 4 |
| ___ ___ | Elective II (choose a minimum of 3 credit) | 3 |

Complete Early Childhood Education School Age Certificate (C55220E): EDU 119, EDU 131, EDU 145 + EDU 163, EDU 235, and EDU 263 from elective list

Elective I and II (Choose a minimum of 6 credit hours)

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| EDU 114 | Intro to Family Childcare | 3 |
| EDU 163 | Classroom Mgt & Instruct..... | 3 |
| EDU 235 | School-Age Dev & Program | 3 |
| EDU 261 | Early Childhood Administration I | 3 |
| EDU *262 | Early Childhood Administration II | 3 |
| EDU 263 | School-Age Program Admin | 3 |
| EDU 287 | Leadership/Early Child Education | 3 |

*EDU 262 has a prerequisite of 261. Take EDU 261 as Elective 1 and EDU 262 as Elective 2.

Graduation Requirements70-71 Semester Credit Hours