Academic Certificate
Early Childhood Education

Curriculum Code: ECE.AC

Program Information
Designed to allow students to explore the field of Early Childhood Education before making a commitment to obtaining the A.A.S degree. All courses offered in the Academic Certificate may be applied to the A.A.S degree in Early Childhood Education.

When You Graduate
Certificate programs provide specific career skills development as well as the opportunity to test an area of interest, or enhance a degree program. Students who complete a certificate program can continue to obtain a degree.

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Program Requirements   (30 credits)   Credits

Year 1, Fall Semester
❑ CS 101 Introduction to Microcomputers or
    CS 102 Applications on the Microcomputer   3
❑ ED 106 Principles of Early Childhood Education   3
❑ EN 101 English Composition I   3
❑ PY 115 Child Development & Learning   3
❑ SO 201 Introductory Sociology   3
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Year 1, Spring Semester
❑ ED 203 Language Dev. & Emergent Literacy   3
❑ ED 204 Creative Learning Experiences   3
❑ ED 209 Child Health, Safety & Nutrition   3
❑ EN 102 English Composition II or
    EN 103 Technical Writing   3
❑ PY 101 General Psychology   3
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                                    Total Credits 30

Upon completion of this program, students should be able to:
• Distinguish and apply the well-known and influential educational theories to practices
• Develop observation skills and apply those skills to a case study
• Develop language and literacy skill in young children
• Locate, retrieve and critically evaluate information and information sources

Gainful Employment Link
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Employment Opportunities
Group teacher in a private child care facility or home day care setting.

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