Associate in Science

Early Childhood Education Program - Career Option

To graduate in the Early Childhood Education - Career Option program, a student must complete the following required course of study.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester Offered	Semester Taken	Grade Earned
General Education						
ENL101	English Composition I	3	Appropriate scores in Reading Comprehension & in Sentence Skills on CPT or grade of C or better in ENL020 & ENL050 or ESL201	Fall, Spring, Summer		
ENL102	English Composition II	3	A grade of C or higher in ENL101	Fall, Spring, Summer		
COM103	Human Communication	3	ENL010 or ESL102 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
SOC106	Principles of Sociology	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
PSY101	General Psychology	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning* (or) Natural or Physical Science	3 (or) 4				
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ENL120	Introduction to Children's Literature	3	ENL101	Fall, Spring, Summer		
Professional Education*						
ECE100	Intro. to Early Childhood Education	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores	Fall, Spring		
ECE105	Intro. to Children with Special Needs	3	ECE100 or PSY201	Fall, Spring		
ECE201	Preschool Curriculum Planning	3	ECE100 or PSY201	Fall, Spring		
ECE206	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education	1	ECE100 and ECE200 or ECE201	Fall, Spring		
ECE202	Advanced Curriculum Development: Creative Experiences for Early Childhood Education	3	ECE201	Fall, Spring		
ECE221	Classroom Management: Skills & Strategies for EC Teachers	3	ECE110 or PSY201	Fall, Spring		
ECE230	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	6	ECE105, ECE201, PSY201, (EC200 or ECE202) & a minimum 2.0 GPA in ECE courses	Fall, Spring		
ECE291	Leadership & Management in ECE	2	ECE110 or PSY201	Spring		
PSY201	Child Psychology	3	PSY101	Fall, Spring, Summer		
SOC210 SOC215 SOC208	Marriage and Family (or) Social Problems (or) Race, Gender, and Class in the US	3	SOC106 (or) SOC106 (or) SOC106	Fall Fall, Spring, Summer Spring, Summer		
	Early Childhood Education Elective	3				
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Total Credits:		60				

* Please refer to the policy statement of Criminal Offender Record Information and Sex Offender Registry Information checks.

Early Childhood Education Electives

ECE115 Literacy and the Young Child
ECE200 Teaching Infants and Toddlers
ECE211 Curriculum Strategies for Teaching Math and Science to Young Children
ECE242 Selected Topics in Early Childhood Education

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The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has awarded the Early Childhood Education Program at Cape Cod Community College full seven-year accreditation, the first such award in the state of Massachusetts and among the very first Associate Degree programs in the entire country to receive such recognition. The NAEYC Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation system sets a national standard of excellence for early childhood programs that prepare teachers at the associate degree level.

Overview

This program is designed for students who are interested in working with young children. Graduates of the program may work in a variety of child care settings in both private and public schools.

Career Outlook

Upon completion of this program, the student is qualified to work in a licensed child care facility. Graduates also work in summer camps and as assistants in public schools. The program meets the requirements of the Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education program, students are able to:

- Promote child development and learning.
- Build family and community relationships.
- Observe, document, and assess in support of young children and families.
- Build meaningful curriculum.
- Become a professional.