

## Associate in Science Early Childhood Education Program – Career Option

**To graduate in the Early Childhood Education Program, a student must complete the following required course of study.**

For students planning to teach in Massachusetts public schools, please refer to the Education Licensure Requirements. Refer to information regarding Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI).

| Course #                        | Course Title  | Credits        | Prerequisites  | Semester Offered     | Semester Taken | Grade Earned |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>General Education</b>        |   |                |  |                      |                |              |
| COM103                          | Human Communication   | 3              | ENL010 or ESL102 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score                                   | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| ENL101                          | English Composition I   | 3              | Appropriate score on the Computerized Placement Test or grade of C or better in ENL050 or ESL201 | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| ENL102                          | English Composition II  | 3              | A grade of C or higher in ENL101   | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| ENL120                          | Introduction to Children's Literature   | 3              | ENL101   | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| SOC106                          | Principles of Sociology   | 3              |  | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| PSY101                          | General Psychology  | 3              | ENL020, ENL050   | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
|                                 | Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning*<br>(or)<br>Natural or Physical Science          | 3<br>(or)<br>4 |  |                      |                |              |
|                                 | Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning*<br>(or)<br>Natural or Physical Science          | 3<br>(or)<br>4 |  |                      |                |              |
| <b>Professional Education**</b> |   |                |  |                      |                |              |
| 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                          | Curriculum Planning for Early Childhood Education                                   | 3              | ECE100 or PSY201   | 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              | PSY201 or ECE110   | Fall, Spring         |                |              |
| ECE230                          | Practicum in Early Childhood Education  | 6              | ECE105, ECE201, PSY201, (ECE200 or ECE202) & a minimum 2.0 GPA in ECE courses                    | Fall, Spring         |                |              |
| ECE291                          | Leadership & Management in ECE  | 2              | ECE110 or PSY201   | Fall, Spring         |                |              |
| PSY201                          | Child Psychology  | 3              | PSY101   | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| SOC210                          | Marriage and Family   | 3              | SOC106<br>(or)<br>SOC106<br>(or)<br>SOC106   | Fall                 |                |              |
| SOC215                          | Social Problems   |                |  | Fall, Spring, Summer |                |              |
| SOC208                          | Race, Gender, and Class in the US   |                |  | Spring, Summer       |                |              |
|                                 | Early Childhood Education Elective  | 3              |  |                      |                |              |
|                                 | Elective  | 3              |  |                      |                |              |
| <b>Total Credits:</b>           |   | <b>60*</b>     |  |                      |                |              |

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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 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 will be able to:

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

### 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

\*A student who takes two 3-credit mathematics courses will need an additional one credit course to graduate. HEA130-Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support is recommended.

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

Transfer Option: Refer to information on the Early Childhood Education Transfer Compact.