



Early Childhood Education Certificate

Program Goals Statement

This certificate program prepares students to enter the field as a qualified entry-level professional ready to work with preschool children in settings such as daycare, learning centers, and family child care.

Program Information

- Required courses meet the requirements for teacher credential as identified by the Department of Early Education and Child Care (DEEC).
- Course credits apply toward an associate degree in Early Childhood Education.
- C.O.R.I. (Criminal Offender Record Information) and S.O.R.I. (Sexual Offender Registry Information) background checks are required prior to clinical placement and are conducted in accordance with State regulations by both Bristol Community College and early child care agencies/elementary schools. Students may be required to complete fingerprinting and would be financially responsible for any costs associated with fingerprinting.

Academic Expectations

- All Early Childhood students must achieve grades of “C-” or better in all subject courses with an ECE designation.

Special Requirements for the Program

Health Requirements

Accepted applicants must have a physical examination, Hepatitis B immunization, other immunizations as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and must have a tuberculosis test each year.

Fieldwork

During this program, which requires a practicum experience, Early Childhood students should be aware that young children are physically very active. Students must be able to move quickly and have sufficient visual and hearing acuity to accurately monitor children in their charge.

Transportation to fieldwork sites is the responsibility of the student. Students should be prepared to travel up to an hour from campus for these assignments.

Program: Early Childhood Education

Type: Certificate of Achievement



Campus

Campus:
Fall River

Program Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
ECE 111	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 112	Observing, Recording, and Analyzing Early Childhood Settings	3
ECE 113	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Environments	3
ECE 222	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3
ECE 234	Preschool Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 251	Teaching Practicum I and Seminar I	4
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
PSY 252	Child Development	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

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Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
PSY 252	Child Development	3
ECE 222	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3
ECE 234	Preschool Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 251	Teaching Practicum I and Seminar I	4
Total credits:		28