



Licensure

Program: Early Childhood Education

Program Code:

CH_CHT

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Associate in Science

Campus:

Fall River

CIP Code:

13.1209

Program Goals Statement

The Early Childhood Education Licensure Transfer program enrolls individuals aspiring to become educators of preschool, kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 children. Successful candidates may apply for preschool lead teacher qualification from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Child Care, provided a teaching practicum has been complete in a pre-k or kindergarten classroom. In addition, students are eligible to transfer as juniors into the Massachusetts Educator Licensure program at a 4-year state or private institution with which the College has an articulation agreement.

Program Information

ECE 260 requires completion of 26 general education credits with an overall GPA of 2.75 or better and a grade of "C" or better in all ECE courses. ECE 260 must be completed in the semester prior to completing ECE 261.

Students should follow the recommended course sequence provided in the catalog.

Students should meet with the ECE Licensure Coordinator prior to registering for courses.

Semester prior to enrolling in early Childhood Licensure Teaching Practicum students must meet with the Program Coordinator to ensure placement in the field at a public elementary school.

After Bristol

Bristol participates in the statewide MassTransfer program and has developed many program-to-program transfer articulation agreements which guarantee admission and credit transfer.

For a complete listing of eligible MassTransfer programs and current Bristol articulation agreements, visit the Transfer Affairs website.

Students who have successfully completed their associates in science in the early childhood licensure program are eligible to work as a Paraprofessional in the public school department.



Courses address the knowledge and competencies required for MA Department of Early Education and Care Teacher Qualifications in preschool age, if the teaching practicum was in a pre-k or kindergarten classroom. Students should access the Department of Early Education and Care website and follow directions regarding qualifications.

Infused General Education Competencies

Ethical Dimensions, Oral Communication, Technical Literacy

Special Requirements for the Program

Health Requirements

- Accepted applicants must have a physical examination, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B immunizations or titres (blood tests to prove immunity). TB test required each year. Health insurance is required.

Criminal Record Check

- 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.

Fieldwork

- During this program, which requires a Teaching 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.
- Prior to acceptance into a teacher education licensure program, students who opt for this track need to pass the Communications and Literacy Skills Test (CLST) of the Massachusetts Teacher Education Licensure (MTEL) conducted by the Department of Education. In addition, state colleges may set other requirements such as minimum acceptable grade(s) and/or courses accepted for transfer. It is the student's responsibility to identify these requirements.

MassTransfer A2B Pathway

The Early Childhood Education - Licensure program is a MassTransfer A2B Mapped Program with some Massachusetts State Universities. When choosing electives, complete an A2B Program Search to determine available transfer institutions and to ensure all credits will be transferred and applied to your degree.

Degree Requirements



General Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
EDU 101	College Success Seminar for Education	1
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
HST 113	United States History to 1877	3
MTH 127	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	3
MTH 128	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II	3
PHL 111	Introduction to Logic	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
SCI 113	Physical Science	4
SSC 101	Introduction to Geography	3

Elective Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
	Human Expression Elective	3
	Science Elective	3-4
	Transfer Elective	3

Program Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
ECE 110	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3
ECE 111	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 112	Observing, Recording, and Analyzing Early Childhood Settings	3
ECE 222	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3
ECE 260	Play and Early Childhood Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 261	Early Childhood Licensure Teaching Practicum	5

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Course #	Title	Credits
EDU 101	College Success Seminar for Education	1
ECE 111	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
MTH 127	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	3
ECE 110	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3



Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
ECE 112	Observing, Recording, and Analyzing Early Childhood Settings	3
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
MTH 128	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
SCI 113	Physical Science	4

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Course #	Title	Credits
	Science Elective	3-4
ECE 222	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3
ECE 260	Play and Early Childhood Curriculum Planning	3
PHL 111	Introduction to Logic	3
	Human Expression Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

Course #	Title	Credits
ECE 261	Early Childhood Licensure Teaching Practicum	5
HST 113	United States History to 1877	3
SSC 101	Introduction to Geography	3
	Transfer Elective	3
	Total credits:	61-62