Early Childhood Care & Education
Diploma Program
ECC2

Curriculum

Basic Skills – Total of 8 Hours
ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English I (3)
MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics (3)
EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations (2) - OR -
PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology (3)

Program-Specific Core – Total of 45 Hours
ECCE 1101 Intro to Early Childhood Care (3)
ECCE 1103 Child Growth & Development (3)
ECCE 1105 Health Safety & Nutrition (3)
ECCE 2115 Language & Literacy (3)
ECCE 1112 Curriculum & Assessment (3)
ECCE 1113 Creative Activities for Children (3)
COMP 1000 Introduction to Computers (3)
ECCE 2202 Social Issues/Family Involvement (3)
ECCE 2203 Guidance/Classroom Management (3)
ECCE 1121 Early ECCE Practicum (3)
ECCE 2116 Math & Science (3)
ECCE 2245 ECCE Internship I (6)
ECCE 2246 ECCE Internship II (6)

Total: 53 Hours
Program Description
The Early Childhood Care and Education diploma program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as limited general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including child care centers and Head Start.

Program Specific Information
Students are accepted every semester based on course and space availability.
Students must complete ALL ECCE COURSES with a grade of C or higher in order to graduate.

Additional Requirements
The State of Georgia has a law regarding the placement of persons with criminal records in childcare facilities. Anyone who has been convicted of a felony offense, neglecting or abusing a dependent person, a sexual offense, or any other "covered crime" will not be allowed to work in a childcare facility. If you are affected by this law, or think you may be, discuss your situation immediately with your advisor. Because your employment options may be severely limited in the early childhood profession, a person who has received an unsatisfactory criminal records check is discouraged from pursuing this program of study and may need to reconsider their chosen field of study. Prior to beginning clinical/internship courses, students must order and pay for a background check and meet background check screening requirements as required by the clinical facility. Cost is approximately $50.

Program Length & Availability
4 Semesters
Campus Availability: Oakwood, Forsyth, Barrow

Admissions Requirements
• Must be 16 years of age.
• High school diploma or GED is required prior to admission.
(Official transcripts or GED scores must be submitted from all colleges and/or high schools attended for credit.)
• ACCUPLACER Testing, or submit SAT, ACT, CPE, COMPASS, or ASSET test scores.

Financial Aid
This program is eligible for the Pell Grant and may be eligible for Institutional and State Financial Aid.
Contact a Financial Aid Counselor for eligibility requirements and application materials.

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