CHILD CARE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

This program offers students a basic understanding of the needs of young children and prepares them to assist in the care and supervision of children in preschool programs.

Mission Statement

The Early Childhood Department views its primary mission as educating and preparing those who work with young children and providing students with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to meet the needs of all learners.

Entrance Requirements

High school diploma or GED

- Upon enrollment in a lab course, students must have
  - Documentation of a criminal background check in compliance with S.C. Code Section 63-13-40.
  - Documentation of freedom from TB, signed by a health care provider.

Type of Program

Day, evening and limited online

Requirements for Completion

A minimum grade of "C" is required for all ECD courses in order to count toward graduation.

Employment Opportunities

Child care programs, preschools, Head Start programs, child development centers, after school programs, programs for children with special needs, self-employment

Visit our web page at https://www.gvltec.edu/earlycare/.

Recommended Program Schedule

Listed below is the ideal grouping of courses in order by semester. This plan assumes a full-time schedule. Note, however, that many variables can affect this plan, and not every course is offered every semester. Please see your advisor to map out your own personalized progression toward graduation.

Note: Please contact your advisor for recommended evening schedules.

First Semester		Hours
COL 111	E-Learning Success	1
ECD 101	Introduction to Early Childhood	3
ECD 105	Guidance-Classroom Management Growth & Development II	3
ECD 107	Exceptional Children Growth & Development II	3
ECD 201	Ethics and Leadership in ECE	3
	Total Semester Hours	**13**

Second Semester		
ECD 108	Family and Community Relations Growth & Development II	3
ECD 135	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECD 237	Methods and Materials	3
Special Education Elective [1]		3
	Total Semester Hours	**12**
	Total Required Credit Hours	**25**

[1] Choose one of the following Special Education electives: ECD 210, ECD 254, ECD 259, or ECD 260.