

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

This program gives students a basic understanding of the needs of young children and prepares them to implement quality pre-school programming.

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 |
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| ECD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood | 3 |
| ECD 102 Growth and Development I ¹ | 3 |
| ECD 132 Creative Experiences ¹ | 3 |
| ECD 133 Science and Math Concepts | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | 12 |
| Second Semester | |
| COL 111 E-Learning Success | 1 |

| ECD 131 | Language Arts ¹ | 3 |
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| ECD 135 | Health, Safety and Nutrition | 3 |
| ECD 203 | Growth and Development II ¹ | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | | 10 |
| Third Semester | | |
| ECD 105 | Guidance-Classroom Management Growth & Development II | 3 |
| ECD 107 | Exceptional Children Growth & Development II | 3 |
| Total Semester Hours | | 6 |
| Total Required Credit Hours | | 28 |

¹ Indicates course with required lab hours in the Greenville Technical College Child Development Center