

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

This program will prepare early childhood educators to work with preschool children who are not developing in a typical manner in one or more than one domain of development.

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 the 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

- All courses may be completed online, with the exception of the elective, which indicates a course with required lab hours in a designated program

Requirements for Completion

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

Employment Opportunities

Centers for children with special needs, child care centers, preschools, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, child development centers

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 107	Exceptional Children Growth & Development II	3
ECD 135	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Total Semester Hours		7

Second Semester

ECD 108	Family and Community Relations Growth & Development II	3
ECD 259	Behavior Management for Special Needs	3
ECD 260	Methods of Teaching Spec Needs Students	3
Total Semester Hours		9

Third Semester

ECD 210	Early Childhood Intervention	3
ECD 254	Facilit & Environ Mgt for ECD Spec Educ	3
Lab Elective (choose one):		3
ECD 257	Super Field Exp in Early Child Spec Educ	
or ECD 280	Registered Behavior Technician	
Total Semester Hours		9
Total Required Credit Hours		25