

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Prepare young children for a successful future



“I couldn’t ask for a better life lesson than to be in the classroom learning and teaching beside a teacher with over ten years of experience.

The Early Childhood Education program has been a life changing experience. The support of the Education staff has made my dream of being a teacher an achievable goal.”

The early years of a child’s life are crucial in the development of the future adult brain. Stimulation early-on makes the brain adjust in ways that will have a lasting effect. Early childhood education is a career in which a person can influence the world by growing future minds.

### What Early Childhood Education professionals do:

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| Work directly with infants and toddlers | Demonstrate ethical behavior     |
| Work with young children up to age 8    | Observe child skills/development |
| Foster physical/cognitive development   | Create learning environments     |
| Foster social and emotional development | Plan curriculum and activities   |

### Students will learn:

- History of early childhood education
- Health, safety, and nutrition practices
- Literacy development theory
- Benefits of early childhood education
- Child development plans
- How to engage families and community
- How to identify typically and atypically developing children

### Early Childhood Education graduates work in:

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| Preschools and childcare centers | Developmental therapy centers |
| After-school programs            | Elementary schools            |
| Family and small businesses      | Head Start programs           |



### Program entry requirements:

To see the entrance requirements for this program, please view the pages ahead, and visit [www.kvcc.me.edu/prereq](http://www.kvcc.me.edu/prereq)

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Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites (Co-requisites)
<b>Associate in Applied Science Degree</b>			
<b><u>FIRST SEMESTER</u></b>			
__ __	CPT117 Software Applications I.....	3	Computer ACCUPLACER score of 76 or greater, CPT018, or permission of instructor
__ __	ECE131* Introduction to Early Childhood.....	3	
__ __	ECE135* Observing and Recording Children's Behavior.....	3	Must pass SBI and DHHS background checks
__ __	ENG101 College Composition.....	3	Min. Accuplacer writing score of 74
__ __	PSY101 Introduction to Psychology.....	3	
<b><u>SECOND SEMESTER</u></b>			
__ __	COM104 Introduction to Communication OR		
__ __	COM105 Interpersonal Communication.....	3	
__ __	ECE134* Health, Safety, and Nutrition.....	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE140* Fostering Growth and Development in Infants..... and Toddlers	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE155* Practicum I: Early Childhood.....	3	ECE131, ECE135
__ __	MAT113 Elements of Mathematics (or higher math).....	3	Min. Accuplacer arithmetic score of 55
<b><u>THIRD SEMESTER</u></b>			
__ __	ECE133* Language, Literacy, and Literature for Young Children.....	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE145* Fostering Growth and Development: the..... Preschool Years OR		ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE148* Fostering Growth and Development: Early..... Primary Aged Children: 5-8 Years	3	ECE 131 or ECE140
__ __	ECE200* Practicum II: Early Childhood.....	4	ECE131, ECE135, ECE155, and at least one of ECE140, ECE145, ECE148
__ __	SOC101 Introduction to Sociology.....	3	
__ __	_____ Humanities Elective.....	3	
<b><u>FOURTH SEMESTER</u></b>			
__ __	BIO115 Human Biology (or other lab science).....	4	
__ __	BUS115 Principles of Management.....	3	
__ __	ECE158* Including Children with Special Needs in..... Early Childhood Settings	3	ECE135, ECE140, and either ECE145 or ECE148
__ __	ECE250* Practicum III: Early Childhood.....	4	All required ECE courses
__ __	PSY215 Developmental Psychology.....	3	PSY101
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS.....</b>	<b>63</b>	

### Criteria for Graduation

Students must complete 63 credits in the Early Childhood Education option and achieve a minimum grade of "C" in all core courses (\*); students must attain a final GPA of 2.0 or higher.