



Early Childhood Development

curriculum code: 0968 | HEGIS code: 5503

minimum credit hours required: 32

This certificate program enables students to obtain the skills, values, and knowledge necessary to work in entry-level positions in early childhood education/childcare such as assistants in preschools, childcare centers and family day care homes, and in school-age child care settings. In addition, the program provides opportunities for those already employed in childcare facilities, including family care providers and those holding the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, to update and refresh their knowledge and skills. The program also provides interested students the opportunity to continue their education beyond the level of a certificate to that of an Associate in Applied Sciences in human services with the added possibility of transferring to a bachelor's level program in early childhood education. This certificate can be used as part of a more complete career ladder in early childhood education and care.

Certificate Requirements	
EDU 1250: Early Childhood Development	1
EDU 1260: Health, Safety, & Nutrition in Early Childhood Development	3
EDU 1290: Introduction to Early Childhood Education Care	3
EDU 1300: Observation and Guidance of Young Children	3
EDU 1310: Family, School, & Community Partnerships	3
EDU 2210: Field Placement I - Education	4
EDU 2440: Children's Literature	3
ENG 1510: English Composition I	3
ENG 1530: English Composition II	3
PSY 1510: General Psychology	3
PSY 2520: Child Development	3
Total Credits: 32	

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Students who have earned a Child Development Associate (CDA) must complete a portfolio review process to have EDU 1250, EDU 1260, EDU 1290, and EDU 2210 waived.
- Early childhood development certificate courses are designed as a career ladder leading to the associate degree. They, therefore, change according to changes in New York State education requirements.
- Students must be willing to obtain and pay for any necessary physical or medical examinations or tests, which are required by some internship agencies.
- Enrollment in the program does not guarantee acceptance into field placements in the program.
- Students must complete an application for EDU 2210: Field Placement I, and approval of the application is required for the filed placement to commence. Some internship agencies require FBI or Child Abuse Registry checks. These processes can be lengthy and may require up to four months in order for approval to be obtained prior to placement.
- Field placement will take place with children in an educational setting.