

Early Childhood Education - AAS

West Burlington Campus, and select courses available at the Keokuk Campus

Program Information

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to prepare students to secure one of the many careers available in early childhood education. Graduates of the program may work with children from birth to eight years of age in a variety of settings such as child care centers, preschools, child development homes, or public and private schools. Students may elect to complete either the Educator Licensure/Transfer Pathway or the Child Care Management Pathway of the Early Childhood Education AAS. Students who intend to teach in a Pre-K through third-grade setting will need to transfer to a teacher licensure institution. In addition, this program addresses the competencies and functional areas necessary for students to begin the assessment and testing process for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential administered by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. See [Childhood Development Associate National Credentialing Program Transition Guide](#) for additional CDA Credential requirements by the Council.

Students who successfully complete ECE-103, ECE-133, ECE-243, and either ECE-221, ECE-158, or ECE-159 will be equipped with the competencies and functional areas necessary to pursue the CDA Credential.

The [Child Development-Infant/Toddler certificate](#) is awarded to students who successfully complete SDV-108, ECE-103, ECE-133, ECE-221, ECE-170, and ECE-243.

The [Child Development-Preschool certificate](#) is awarded to students who successfully complete SDV-108, ECE-103, ECE-133, ECE-158, ECE-170, and ECE-243.

The [Early Childhood Education diploma](#) is awarded to students who successfully complete the first year of the program.

For specific information regarding program rules and expectations, please view the [Early Childhood Education & Teacher Education Programs Handbook](#).

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Program Requirements

Fall Semester I		Credit
ECE-103	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE-133	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU-212	Educational Foundations	3
EDU-920	Field Experience	2
ENG-105	Composition I	3
SDV-108	The College Experience	1
SDV-132	CTE Career Exploration	1
Semester Total.....		16

Spring Semester I		Credit
ECE-158	Early Childhood Curriculum I	3
ECE-170	Child Growth and Development	3
EDU-245	Exceptional Learners	3
BIO-151	Nutrition	3
Take one of two options - ART-101 or MUS-100:		
ART-101	Art Appreciation	3
MUS-100	Music Appreciation	3
Semester Total.....		15

Fall Semester II		Credit
ECE-159	Early Childhood Curriculum II	3
EDU-235	Children's Literature	3
EDU-240	Educational Psychology	3
SPC-112	Public Speaking	3
POL-111	American National Government	3
Semester Total.....		15

Spring Semester II		Credit
ECE-123	Family, Teacher and Community Interaction	3
ECE-221	Infant/Toddler Care and Education	3
ECE-284	Field Experience II	2
HIS-152	US History Since 1877	3
PHI-105	Introduction to Ethics	3
Semester Total.....		14
Program Total.....		60