



South Central College
Program Design

Diploma 2506/3506 Early Childhood Education

Program Information

Instructional Level Technical Diploma

Career Cluster Human Services

Description

The Early Childhood Education Diploma is designed to prepare individuals for work in a child care center or preschool as an assistant or early childhood teacher or in a family child care program. Students will learn about child growth and development, positive guidance, health and safety, cultural sensitivity, learning environments and best practices for promoting learning for young children.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- 1 Explore the physical, social, emotional, language, cognitive, and creative development of young children from birth through age eight
- 2 Demonstrate strategies for developing an appropriate learning environment
- 3 Apply guidance and management techniques to accommodate the developmental characteristics of young children birth through age eight
- 4 Demonstrate the ability to use assessment results to identify needs, learning styles and to plan appropriate programs, environments, learning experiences in order to successfully interact with children, families and the community
- 5 Understand how a child's development influences learning and demonstrate how to plan and implement age and developmentally appropriate learning experiences

Program Configurations

Fall Start

Credits

Technical Course	27
Liberal Arts & Sciences	6
Total Credits	33

Semester One

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
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ECE 1205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	Technical Course
ECE 1210	Child Growth and Development	3	Technical Course
ECE 1220	Health, Wellness and Nutrition	3	Technical Course
ECE 1230	Behavior Guidance	3	Technical Course

Semester Two

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1240	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	Technical Course
ECE 1270	Creative Activities and Environments	3	Technical Course
ECE 2580	Observation and Assessment	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences

Semester Three

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1310	Infant/Toddler Development and Learning Experiences	3	Technical Course
ECE 2590	Introduction to Children's Mental Health	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences

Spring Start

Credits

Technical Course	27
Liberal Arts & Sciences	4
Total Credits	31

Semester One

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	Technical Course
ECE 1210	Child Growth and Development	3	Technical Course
ECE 1220	Health, Wellness and Nutrition	3	Technical Course
ECE 1230	Behavior Guidance	3	Technical Course

Semester Two

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1240	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	Technical Course
ECE 1270	Creative Activities and Environments	3	Technical Course

ECE 1310	Infant/Toddler Development and Learning Experiences	3	Technical Course
ECE 2590	Introduction to Children's Mental Health	3	Technical Course

Semester Three

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 2580	Observation and Assessment	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	1	Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Course List

Number	Title	Credits	Pre/Corequisites
LAS Elec	MNTC Course	3	
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	
ECE 1205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	None
ECE 1210	Child Growth and Development	3	None
ECE 1220	Health, Wellness and Nutrition	3	None
ECE 1230	Behavior Guidance	3	None
ECE 1240	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	None
ECE 1270	Creative Activities and Environments	3	None
ECE 1310	Infant/Toddler Development and Learning Experiences	3	ECE 1210
ECE 2510	ECE Internship	3	Instructor approval
ECE 2580	Observation and Assessment	3	ECE 1210 and ECE 1230
ECE 2590	Introduction to Children's Mental Health	3	ECE 1210 and ECE 1230