South Central College
Program Design

DIP 3522/2517 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.

Grade Policy

A grade lower than a C may not be accepted by the receiving institution in transfer.

Program Admission Dates (Fall and/or Spring)

Fall only

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	30
Liberal Arts & Sciences	3

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
LAS Elective	**MNTC Course**	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
LAS Elec	**MNTC Course**	3	Technical Course

Semester Three

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 2590	**Introduction to Children's Mental Health**	3	Technical Course
ECE 2580	**Observation and Assessment**	3	Technical Course
ECE 1311	**Infant/Toddler Development and Mental Health**	3	Technical Course

Spring Start

Credits

Technical Course	27
Arts & Sciences	6
Total Credits	**33**

Semester One

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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 1270	**Creative Activities and Environments**	3	Technical Course
ECE 2590	**Introduction to Children's Mental Health**	3	Technical Course
ECE 2580	**Observation and Assessment**	3	Technical Course
ECE 1311	**Infant/Toddler Development and Mental Health**	3	Technical Course

Semester Three

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LAS Elective	**MNTC Course**	3	Arts & Sciences
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ECE 1240	**Diverse Children and Family Relations**	3	Technical Course

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 1311	**Infant/Toddler Development and Mental Health**	3	ECE 1210
ECE 2580	**Observation and Assessment**	3	ECE 1210 and ECE 1230