

# Early Childhood Education

## A Technical Certificate Program

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Development certificate program is designed to prepare individuals to work with infant, toddlers, and other pre-school-aged children and their families in a variety of childcare provider settings and agencies. The program is based upon criteria developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Courses in this program are a component of the National Child Development Associate (CDA) credentialing process.

### PROGRAM ARTICULATION

All courses in the Early Childhood Development certificate program articulate into the Associate of Applied Science degree program in Early Childhood Education.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A student desiring to enroll in the Early Childhood Development certificate program must:

1. Submit the Northeast State Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records.
2. Indicate Early Childhood Development certificate as the desired major on the Northeast State application form.
3. See a faculty advisor from the Early Childhood Education program prior to registering for classes.

### TYPICAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ECED 1310	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 2310	Safe, Healthy Learning Environments	3
ECED 2335	Initial Practicum	3
ECED 2380	Language & Literacy in Early Childhood	3
<b>Spring</b>		
ECED 2315	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
ECED 2340	Family Dynamics and Community Involvement	3
ECED 2385	Math & Science in Early Childhood	3
Select one course from the following:		
ECED 2300	The Mentoring Teacher	3
ECED 2312	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
ECED 2320	Infant, Toddler and Child Development	3
ECED 2360	Development of Exceptional Children	3
ECED 2370	Developmental Assessment	3
ECED 2390	Creative Development	3
Total Credit Hours		24

Students must complete learning support deficiencies in English and reading, or have appropriate entrances scores.

### GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE

As required by the U.S. Department of Education  
<https://apps.northeaststate.edu/GainfulEmployment/>

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## TYPICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Early Childhood Development certificate program may be employed as early childhood assistants and teachers in Head Start programs, private childcare centers, and family childcare homes.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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