

2022-2023 TTC Catalog

Early Care and Education - Child Care Professional

Associate in Applied Science in Early Care and Education

Child Care Professional Career Path

66 Credit Hours

The Early Care and Education program provides a solid foundation for graduates so that they may use developmentally appropriate, research-based and current knowledge in early care and education to build intentional teaching skills. Students gain quality intentional early learning experiences as well as understanding the responsibility of the professional in the field of early care and education. Students also construct a professional pedagogy that they will be able to use in the classroom with young children. In the process of developing their own pedagogy, students will create a disposition of collaboration that recognizes the diversity of families and the larger community. Off-campus observation and field experiences are provided in diverse settings that allow for quality practical and hands-on experiences. Upon successful completion of the program, each student will have the tools that will make them intentional teachers and caregivers.

The Child Care Professional career path prepares students to work as teachers in child care centers or as teacher assistants in a public school early childhood program.

Students learn to teach children birth through age five and develop knowledge and skills required to promote optimal development for all children, including all backgrounds and abilities. This career path also prepares students to operate child care centers or to work in supervisory, management or administrative positions in the early care and education field. This career path does not lead to teacher certification for public school teachers.

Students can earn only one ECD degree in a single career path.

Accreditation

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs.

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General Education Core Requirements

ENG 101 English Composition I 3

IDS 109 First Year Experience Seminar 3

MAT 110 College Algebra 3

or

MAT 120 Probability and Statistics 3

or

