

2025-2026 TTC Catalog

Early Childhood Development

Certificate in Applied Science

27 Credit Hours

The Early Childhood Development certificate program prepares students to work primarily in federally funded programs such as Head Start. This certificate also is designed for those currently employed who desire to make a career move and parents who want to learn more about the development of young children. Admission into this program requires proof of high school graduation (or GED) and qualifying scores on SAT, ACT or the TTC placement test. Students who have transfer credits of C or better from an approved, regionally accredited postsecondary institution may not need to take the placement test. Program admission requires that students have a health assessment denoting good health, a negative tuberculosis skin test and compliance with technical standards. A clear criminal background check by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) also is required. In addition to SLED background checks, some child development centers and schools may require fingerprinting. Students entering these laboratory courses may opt to be fingerprinted. Fingerprinting and a SLED background check are required for the early care and education workforce.

Major Requirements

ECD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood 3
ECD 102 Growth and Development I 3
ECD 105 Guidance-Classroom Management 3
ECD 107 Exceptional Children 3
ECD 131 Language Arts 3
ECD 132 Creative Experiences 3
ECD 133 Science and Math Concepts 3
ECD 135 Health, Safety and Nutrition 3
ECD 203 Growth and Development II 3

Total: 27

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