Education

Early Childhood Education

Program Mission

The mission of the GBC Early Childhood Program is to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively and professionally with young children, their families, and their communities.

Successful completion of the Early Childhood Education Certificate and degrees are designed to qualify students for such employment opportunities as paraprofessionals, teachers, and/or directors in child care centers, pre-schools, and home-based programs.

Student Learning Outcomes

* **Human Growth and Development**
  Recognize individual variations and potential special needs of developing children and the many factors that can influence their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth.

* **Positive Interaction and Guidance**
  Apply positive guidance techniques in accordance to children's ages and developmental levels.

* **Observation and Assessment**
  Recognize the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment in early childhood environments through the implementation of systematic observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment strategies.

* **Environment and Curriculum**
  Plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum supported by the Nevada Preschool Standards and utilize strategies that are characteristic of high quality classroom environments.

* **Family and Community Relationships**
  Examine strategies for building respectful, reciprocal relationships with families by implementing culturally sensitive practices and policies.

* **Leadership and Professional Development**
  Explore and practice principles of effective leadership and advocacy in early childhood education, and seek employment in the field of Early Childhood Education.

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Associate of Applied Science — Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Emphasis

General Education Requirements	Credits
GBC Orientation	0.5
English/Communications (ENG 100 or 101, and ENG 102)	6
Mathematics	3
MATH 116, 120, 126 or higher (includes STAT 152) MATH 120 (preferred)	
Science (Not PHYS 107)	3
Social Science	3-6
HIST 101 and 102, or PSC 101	
Human Relations—PSY 208 (required)	3
Humanities or Fine Arts	3
Technology—EDU 214 (required)	3

List of courses fulfilling general education requirements is on page 81.

Program Core Requirements			Credits
ECE	200	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE	204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE	250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE	262	Early Language and Literacy Development	3

Program Emphasis Courses			Credits
Select two of the following Infant/Toddler courses:			
ECE 126, 127, 130 or 252 with advisor**			6
ECE	231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab (Field Experience)	6
ECE	190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE	251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
HDFS	201	Lifespan Human Development	3
HDFS	202	Introduction to Families, or	3
HDFS	232	Diversity in Children	3

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