

# ECED& 105 : Introduction to Early Childhood Education

**Credits** 5

**Quarter Offered** Fall

Explore the foundations of early childhood education. Examine theories defining the field, issues and trends, best practices, and program models. Observe children, professionals in action. This class may include students from multiple sections. STARS approved.

**Course Outcomes**

Explain current theories and ongoing research in early care and education.

Describe the role of play in early childhood programs.

Compare early learning program models.

Explain the importance of developing culturally responsive partnerships with families.

Identify appropriate guidance techniques used in early care and education settings.

Describe the observation, assessment, and teaching cycle used to plan curriculum for all young children.

Apply the professional code of ethics for early care and education to resolve dilemmas.

Describe major historical figures, advocates, and events shaping today's early childhood education.