



Degree Guide:

Early Childhood Education Outdoor Learning Specialization Short Term Certificate

Program

[Early Childhood Education \(ECED/ECED&\)](#)

Degree Type

Professional Technical Certificate

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Program Code: ECEOLC20

Program Description

This program is an exploration of nature-based, outdoor learning experiences for all young children. Providing students an opportunity to focus on, develop and apply best practice for engaging in nurturing, supportive relationships with children, families, and professional peers in an early learning setting. Explore the foundations of early childhood education.

Program Outcomes

- Explain current theories and ongoing research in early care and education as they apply to children, families, and early childhood programs
- Describe how children learn and develop through play and the role of play in early childhood programs
- Develop an awareness of early childhood environments based on best practices in early childhood education
- Observe, analyze, and compare early childhood program models
- Explain the importance of building a partnership with children's families and describe how early childhood programs can work effectively with families from a variety of cultural, linguistic, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Identify developmentally appropriate problem-solving alternatives for guidance and discipline techniques used in family and classroom settings
- Describe the observation, assessment, and teaching cycle and apply this model when planning curriculum and activities for young children
- Describe the professional code of ethics for early care and education and demonstrate how the code can be applied to ethical dilemmas
- Describe the major historical figures and events in early childhood education and their impact on current issues and trends as well as advocacy



As of Fall 2019, this program requires students to achieve a grade of 2.0 or above in all ECED and EDUC classes to progress through and complete the program.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
ECED& 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	5
ECED& 107	Health, Nutrition, and Safety	5
ECED& 120	Practicum	2
ECED& 137	Outdoor Learning for Young Children	3
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
Total Credits		20