

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Total Credits: 30

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

This certificate curriculum is designed to prepare students to work in a variety of child care settings with children from infancy through age eight. The curriculum consists of a core of 21 credit hours directly related to early childhood education. The curriculum is designed to be completed within two semesters, or over a longer period of time if a student chooses. Students may apply earned credits toward an AAS in early childhood education technology.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Describe theories and principles of child development and learning and apply the theories and principles to the classroom teaching.
- Use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in observing and working with children.
- Apply developmentally appropriate teaching practices and guidance approaches to enhance children's learning and development.
- Develop and implement curriculum plans to promote children's learning in the areas of physical/motor, social, emotional, cognitive, and language development.
- Be reflective practitioners to reflect and use the most effective methods of guidance and teaching when working with children.
- Demonstrate written, verbal, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, which will allow them to effectively make connections between prior knowledge/experience and new learning.
- Teach young children in an early childhood setting with the required disposition, knowledge, skills, and competencies.
- Work on the AAS with good understanding of the required content areas.

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Program Requirements

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

Program Requirements

EDUC 115 - Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition *3 semester hours*

EDUC 135 - Child Growth and Development *3 semester hours*

EDUC 136 - Curriculum Planning in Early Childhood Education *3 semester hours*

EDUC 153 - Infant and Toddler Development and Curriculum Planning *3 semester hours*

OR

EDUC 154 - School-Age Child Care *3 semester hours*

EDUC 180 - Children's Literature *3 semester hours*

EDUC 208 - Observation and Assessment of Young Children *3 semester hours*

EDUC 233 - Practicum in Early Childhood Education *3 semester hours*

ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing *3 semester hours*

OR

ENGL Foundation

PSYC 100 - General Psychology *3 semester hours*

COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication *3 semester hours*

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Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Education Administrator for Preschool and Childcare Center/Program, Postsecondary Education Teacher, Preschool Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, Childcare Worker, Nanny.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

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