Early Childhood Care and Education EC13

Type
Associate of Applied Science, AAS

The Early Childhood Care and Education associate of applied science degree program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including child care centers, Head Start, Georgia Pre-K programs, and elementary school paraprofessional positions. Graduates of this program will receive one of five areas of specialization: exceptionalities, infant/toddler, program administration, paraprofessional/school age, or family child care.

Program Approval

The Early Childhood Care and Education program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

External Standards

Though not an external accrediting agency, Bright from the Start (BFTS) determines and approves the credentials of childcare workers in Georgia. TCSG works closely with BFTS to make sure its programs meet the training needs required for approved credentials of early childcare teachers and professionals. To work in a childcare field, an employee must pass a criminal background check. Students should check with the college and employers for details. The Early Childhood Care and Education, Degree program must conform to the institutional accreditation requirements of the Council on Occupational Education (COE) or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (COC). To work in a childcare field, an employee must pass a criminal background check. Students should check with the college and employers for details.

Other Conditions for Admission

Criminal background checks and drug screens may be required based on the requirements for participation on clinical experiences.

Area I - Language Arts/Communications — 6.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
ENGL 1102	Literature and Composition	3
SPCH 1101	Public Speaking	3
COMM 1109	Human Communication	3

Area II - Social/Behavioral Sciences — 3.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology	3
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Area III - Natural Sciences/Mathematics — 3.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
MATH 1101	Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
MATH 1103	Quantitative Skills & Reasoning	3

Area IV - Humanities/Fine Arts — 3.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits

Humanities/Fine Arts (3 hrs) — Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
ARTS 1101	Art Appreciation	3
ENGL 2110	World Literature	3
ENGL 2130	American Literature	3
HUMN 1101	Introduction to Humanities	3
MUSC 1101	Music Appreciation	3
THEA 1101	Theater Appreciation	3
RELG 1101	World Religion	3
SPAN 1101	Introduction to Spanish	3

Specific General Education Core Elective (3 hrs) — 3.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
	Specific General Education Core Elective (3 hrs)	3

Occupational Courses — 36.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
COMP 1000	Introduction to Computer Literacy	3
ECCE 1101	Introduction to ECCE	3
ECCE 1103	Child Growth and Development	3
ECCE 1105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECCE 1112	Curriculum and Assessment	3
ECCE 1113	Creative Activities for Child	3
ECCE 1121	ECCE Practicum	3
ECCE 2115	Language Arts and Literacy	3
ECCE 2116	Math and Science	3
ECCE 2201	Exceptionalities	3
ECCE 2202	Social Issues & Family Involvement	3
ECCE 2203	Guidance & Classroom Management	3

Internship — 12.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
ECCE 2245	Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	6
ECCE 2246	Early Childhood Care and Education Internship II	6

Paraprofessional Specialization — 6.00 Hours

Item #	Name	Credits
ECCE 2310	Paraprofessional Methods & Materials	3
ECCE 2312	Paraprofessional Roles & Practices	3
	Minimum Credit Hours for Graduation	72