



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## Why Early Childhood Education?

Early childhood educators play an important role in a child's development. They inspire young minds, expose them to the joys of learning, and give them the foundation for lifelong success. If you love working with children, the early childhood education program will give you an opportunity to learn about specific tools that help a young child to learn. There is currently a critical shortage of early childhood workers in the state of New Hampshire.

The ECE program at LRCC will provide a theoretical and practical learning experience, thus preparing students to work as an ECE Director, responsible for the care and education of young children, management of personnel, finances, and facilities of an early childhood education program. The certificate prepares graduates to become childcare teachers. Successful completion of this program satisfies New Hampshire Childcare Bureau of Licensing requirements for certification as a childcare director or teacher. This program also provides an ideal preparation for those students wishing to continue their education on the baccalaureate level.

The New Hampshire Bureau of Childcare Standards and Licensing may restrict certification of candidates who have been involved in civil or criminal action.

## Potential Jobs/Careers:

- Associate Teacher
- Lead Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Childcare Center Director

## Potential Salary:

There is a wide range of jobs in the field of early childhood education. Below are the average salaries in NH for Early Childhood Education positions:

- Child care worker \$26,561
- Preschool teacher \$34,756
- Center director \$46,134
- Kindergarten teacher \$65,033
- Elementary teacher \$64,451

\*Source: Early Childhood Workforce Index 2022 New Hampshire, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley.

## Estimated Program Cost:

**Year 1: \$6,450**

**Year 2: \$6,665**

for a total of \$13,115

## Did you know?

*"All of the teachers have wanted me to succeed and have been there to support me!"*

— Benjamin Wirth  
Graduate

## Degree &amp; Certificate Requirements

## DEGREE Requirements

FIRST YEAR Fall Semester		Credits
ECE212L	Teaching with Technology or ECE224 Math & Science	3
ECE121L	Growth and Development of the Young Child	3
ECE123L	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ENGL100L	English Composition	4
INDL100L	College Essentials	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>

FIRST YEAR Spring Semester		Credits
ECE122L	Curriculum Development in Early Childhood	3
ECE124L	Health, Nutrition and Safety in Child Care	3
PSYC125L	Introduction to Psychology	3
MATH129L	Quantitative Reasoning	4
ELECTIVE	Open Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>

**Total Credits for Year = 30**

SECOND YEAR Fall Semester		Credits
ECE126L	Infant/Toddler Development	3
ECE165L	Practicum I in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE216L	Young Children's Special Needs	3
SOSC235L	Children, Youth & Families	3
ELECTIVE	Open Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>

SECOND YEAR Spring Semester		Credits
ECE265L	Practicum II in Early Childhood Education	4
ECE230L	Developing & Administering a CC & Ed.	3
PHIL227L	Ethical Issues	3
ELECTIVE	Science Elective	3
ELECTIVE	Open Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>

**Total Credits for Year = 31**  
**Total for A.S. Degree = 61**

## CERTIFICATE Requirements

Associate Teacher Certificate		Credits
ECE121L	Growth & Development of the Young Child	3
ECE124L	Health, Nutrition & Safety in Child Care	3
ECE126L	Infant/Toddler Development	3
INDL100L	College Essentials	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10</b>

*This certificate program satisfies New Hampshire Childcare Bureau of Licensing requirements for childcare worker certification.*

Lead Teacher Certificate		Credits
ECE121L	Growth & Development of the Young Child	3
ECE122L	Curriculum Development in Early Childhood	3
ECE123L	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ECE124L	Health, Nutrition & Safety in Child Care	3
ECE126L	Infant/Toddler Development	3
ECE165L	Practicum I in Early Childhood Education	3
INDL100L	College Essentials	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19</b>

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