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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. This program gives you an opportunity to learn about the specific tools that help children learn.

Using theoretical and practical learning experiences, students are prepared to be responsible for the care and education of young children, as well as the management of personnel, finances, and facilities at 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. The New Hampshire Bureau of Childcare Standards and Licensing may restrict certification of candidates who have been involved in civil or criminal action.

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:

- **Preschool Teacher \$34,756**
- **Center Director \$46,134**
- **Kindergarten Teacher \$65,033**

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

Estimated Degree Program Cost:

- **Year 1: \$7,890**
 - **Year 2: \$9,843**
- for a total of \$17,733**

*Costs are based on in-state tuition and do not include fees, supplies, or books. Additional fees may apply; all prices are subject to change.

Potential Jobs/Careers

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

DEGREE Requirements

FIRST YEAR Fall Semester Credits

ECE124L	Health, Safety, Nutrition in ECE	3
ECE121L	Growth and Dev. of the Young Child	3
ECE123L	Foundations of ECE	3
ENGL100L	English Composition	4
ESTN120L	College Essentials	1
TOTAL		14

FIRST YEAR Spring Semester Credits

ECE216L	Teaching Young Children with Exceptionalities	3
ECE224L	Teaching STEAM	3
ECE231L	Language and Literacy	3
PSYC125L	Intro to Psychology	3
OR		
PSYC126L	Human Health and Dev	3
ELECTIVE	Mathematics Elective	4
TOTAL		16

Total Credits for Year = 30

SECOND YEAR Fall Semester Credits

ECE126L	Infant/Toddler Dev	3
ECE165L	Practicum I in ECE	3
ECE210L	Positive Behavior Guidance	3
SOSC235L	Children, Youth and Families	3
ELECTIVE	Open Elective	3
TOTAL		15

SECOND YEAR Spring Semester Credits

ECE265L	Practicum II Exploring Teaching, Curriculum	4
ECE230L	Dev and Admin a CC and ED	3
PHIL227L	Ethical Issues	3
OR		
ELECTIVE	Humanities Elective	3
ELECTIVE	Science Elective	3
ELECTIVE	Open Elective	3
TOTAL		16

Total Credits for Year = 31

Total for A.S. Degree = 61

ASSOCIATE TEACHER

CERTIFICATE Requirements

ECE121L	Growth and Dev of the Young Child	3
ECE124L	Health, Safety, Nutrition in ECE	3
ECE126L	Infant/Toddler Dev	3
ESNT120L	College Essentials	1
TOTAL		10

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

LEAD TEACHER

CERTIFICATE Requirements

ECE121L	Growth and Dev of the Young Child	3
ECE122L	Curriculum Dev in Early Childhood	3
ECE123L	Foundations of ECE	3
ECE124L	Health, Safety and Nutrition in ECE	3
ECE126L	Infant/Toddler Dev	3
ECE165L	Practicum I in ECE	3
ESTN120L	College Essentials	1
TOTAL		19

This certificate program satisfies NH Childcare Bureau of Licensing requirements for teacher and childcare worker certification.