

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Certificate

Program Description

Increasingly, American families find the need for safe, certified childcare for children. Essential to the success of any childcare operation is the availability of qualified professionals. The Quincy College program in Early Childhood Education is designed to assist students in meeting the requirements of the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and the needs of employers. Students receive a broad-based exposure to Early Childhood Education and prepare students to be teacher, lead teacher, and director certified through EEC.

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Describe young children's diverse characteristics and their educational and holistic needs, from birth through age eight.
2. Evaluate the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment and use systematic observation, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies to positively influence the development of all children.
3. Design, implement, and evaluate developmentally appropriate curriculum that positively influence each child's development and learning, taking into account age, temperament, characteristics, and culture.
4. Use social, economic, and cultural issues facing schools and families to create respectful, reciprocal relationships with families and communities.
5. Integrate knowledge from a variety of sources including ethical guidelines and professional standards toward becoming reflective, life-long learners within the educational community.
6. Apply respectful approaches to provide young children with skills to self-direct/self-regulate and to resolve conflicts/challenges.

Program Requirements –33 credits total	Credits
EDU 101 Intro to Educational Studies ² (F)	3 credits
PSY 103 Child Development ² (F)	3 credits
EDU 105 Curriculum for Young Children ² (S)	3 credits
EDU 107 Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Young Children ² (S)	3 credits
EDU 111 Early Language, Literacy and Children's Literature (S)	3 credits
EDU 217 Behavior and Guidance for the Young Child ¹ (F)	3 credits
EDU 218 Infant and Toddler Development and Curriculum (S)	3 credits
EDU 222 Children with Special Needs ² (F)	3 credits
EDU 250 Management and Supervision in ECE Centers (F)	3 credits
EDU 320 ECE Field Experience and Seminar ^{1,3} (S)	6 credits

Total credits required for graduation **33 credits**

Additional Information

1. Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.
2. Students must complete the following college level courses with a grade of "C" (73%) or higher: EDU 101, EDU 105, EDU 217, EDU 222 and PSY 103, and receive written permission from the faculty who coordinate the Early Childhood Program to be eligible for a field placement; or permission from the Dean of Liberal Arts and Professional Programs.
3. Students who plan to complete a field placement must contact the faculty coordinator by December for a Spring semester placement. Admission to the program does not guarantee a field placement. An overall GPA of 2.0, or higher, and proof of child and adult CPR and First Aid is required in order to be placed in a field experience.

All ECE and EDU students must complete a CORI and a SORI (including finger printing), prior to their acceptance into the ECE/EDU program. It is the responsibility of the student to complete this so that they will be able to do field observations during the program. Most local police stations will perform SORIs/fingerprinting for a fee. CORIs will be performed at the site chosen to complete your observation/field experience hours.

Note: All classes are offered in the fall and the spring unless otherwise designated:

F=Class is only offered in the Fall

S=Class is only offered in the Spring

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EDU 101 Intro to Educational Studies	3 credits	
PSY 103 Child Development	3 credits	
EDU 222 Children with Special Needs	3 credits	
EDU 111 Early Language, Literacy, and Children's Literature	3 credits	Corequisite ENG 101
Total	12 credits	

Semester 2 (Spring)	Credits	Pre-Requisites
EDU 105 Curriculum for Young Children	3 credits	
EDU 217 Behavior and Guidance for the Young Child	3 credits	EDU 101 & EDU 105
EDU 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children	3 credits	
EDU 218 Infant and Toddler Development and Curriculum	3 credits	
EDU 250 Management and Supervision of ECE Centers	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 3 (Summer)	Credits	Pre-Requisites
EDU 320 Field Experience and Seminar	6 credits	EDU 101, EDU 105, EDU 217, EDU 222 & PSY 103
Total	6 credits	

Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

Student Resources:

Academic Advising

617-984-1720

Dean's Office of Arts and Sciences & Professional Programs

617-405-5920

Dean's Office of Allied Health

617-405-5960

Dean's Office of Nursing

617-405-5990

Financial Aid Office

617-984-1620

Registrar's Office

617-984-1650

Student Accessibility and Academic Support Services

617-405-5915