

Early Childhood Care and Education Associate of Applied Science (EC13)

DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Care and Education associate degree program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for careers in child care and related fields. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application necessary for successful employment. Program graduates receive an Early Childhood Care and Education Associate of Applied Science Degree with a specialization in one of the following areas: Paraprofessional, Exceptionalities, or Program Management. Satisfactory criminal records check is required for all students prior to participating in any lab setting.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Care and Education are prepared to work in child care centers as owners or directors, teachers or teaching assistants, family child care home providers, group child care home providers, in Head Start programs, in public or private preschool programs, pre-K and before and after school programs, in public and private school systems as paraprofessionals, in service centers for children/adults with special needs, and as activities specialists with the elderly.

ACCREDITATION/APPROVAL

The Paraprofessional Preparation Program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC)

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 16 years of age;
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
4. Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
- Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical	Algebra
COMPASS	79	62	NA	37
SAT	450	NA	440	NA
ACT	17	16	19	NA

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION DEGREE CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Early Childhood Care and Education degree program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester. To graduate, degree-seeking students must earn a minimum of 72 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 3255 contact hours and generally takes 5 semesters to complete. Graduates must complete one of the following specializations as a part of the program: Paraprofessional Specialization, Exceptionalities Specialization, or Program Management Specialization.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
General Education Core	18
Area I - Language Arts/Communications	6
ENGL 1101 - Composition and Rhetoric	
<i>and 1 other language arts/communication course</i>	
ENGL 1102 -Literature and Composition	
ENGL 1105-Technical Communication	
SPCH 1101 -Public Speaking	
Area II - Social/Behavioral Sciences	3

PSYC 1101 – Introduction to Psychology	
Area III - Natural Sciences/Mathematics	3
MATH 1101 - Mathematical Modeling	
MATH 1111 - College Algebra	
MATH 1100 - Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	
Area IV - Humanities and Fine Arts	3
ENGL 2130-American Literature	
HUMN 1101-Humanities	
MUSC 1101-Music Appreciation	
Program-Specific Requirements	3
General Core Elective	
Occupational Courses	48
ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education (OL)	3
ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development* (OL)	3
ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition* (OL)	3
ECCE 2115 - Language and Literacy	3
ECCE 1112 - Curriculum and Assessment	3
ECCE 1113 - Creative Activities for Children	3
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computers (OL)	3
ECCE 2201 – Exceptionalities* (OL)	3
ECCE 2202 - Social Issues and Family Involvement	3
ECCE 2203 - Guidance and Classroom Management (OL)	3
ECCE 1121 - Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum*	3
ECCE 2116 - Math and Science	3
ECCE 2240 - Early Childhood Care and Education Internship*	12
Specializations - Select ONE Pair (Two Courses)	6
<i>Paraprofessional Specialization</i>	
ECCE 2310 - Paraprofessional Methods and Materials (OL)	3
ECCE 2312 - Paraprofessional Roles and Practices (OL)	3
<i>Program Administration</i>	
ECCE 2320 - Program Administration and Facility Management (OL)	3
ECCE 2322 - Personnel Management (OL)	3
<i>Exceptionalities</i>	
ECCE 2360 - Classroom Strategies for Exceptional Children	3
ECCE 2362 - Exploring Your Role in the Exceptional Environment	3

(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. * "C" or higher grade is required for this course.

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$6,600
Books/Supplies: \$2,000
Uniform Costs: Approximately \$150
Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year
Hepatitis B Series: \$80
Criminal Background Check: \$25-\$50
*Uniforms are required beginning 2nd semester.
(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)*

PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP EDUCATION

Number of Practicum Sites: 15

General Location of the Practicum Sites:

Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties

Special Requirements of the Practicum Sites:

5. CPR Certification; First Aid Training;
6. Beginning second semester, students must include documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination. Students who refuse the Hepatitis B vaccination series must sign a declination form. Forms will be provided by the instructor;
7. Criminal Background Check

Practicum Education Courses

The Early Childhood Care and Education program provides students with an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in child care and school settings. The practicum allows the student to become involved in a professional work situation applying technical skills.

The practicum course requires that the student spend a minimum of 6 hours a week in a supervised work setting, for a total of 90 hours for the course. The internship course requires that the student spend a minimum of 36 hours a week in a supervised work setting, for a total of 450 hours. For practicum and internship courses, students are evaluated by the lead teacher/director and an early childhood care and education faculty member.

Practicum/Internship Assignments

Practicum/internship times will vary depending on the site. Practicum/internship sites are selected by the instructor. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation to the site.

TOP 10 REASONS

why OTC is the right choice for you!

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
4. Over 100 majors to choose from!
5. Flexible class scheduling: day, evening, and online classes!
6. Faculty with real-world experience
7. Hands-on learning
8. Small class sizes
9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
10. We **GUARANTEE** your education!

GET STARTED TODAY!

1. Select a program! Free career counseling is available.
2. Review the Admissions Checklist and **APPLY** online at www.ogeecheetech.edu!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu!

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