

## *Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma (ECC2)*

### DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Care and Education diploma 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 diploma and have the qualification of early childhood care and education provider. Satisfactory criminal records check is required for all students prior to participating in any lab setting.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Early Childhood Care and Education diploma program are prepared to work in child care centers, family day care homes, group child care, Head-Start programs, preschool programs, before and after school programs, and in-home care.

### 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
COMPASS	70	32	26
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION DIPLOMA CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Early Childhood Care and Education diploma program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester. To graduate, diploma-seeking students must earn a minimum of 53 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1320 contact hours and generally takes 4 semesters to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>Basic Skills Courses</b>	<b>8</b>
ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English I	3
MATH 1012 - Foundations of Mathematics	3
<b>Select 1</b>	
EMPL 1000 - Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	2
PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology	3
<b>Occupational Courses</b>	<b>45</b>
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 1112 - Curriculum and Assessment	3
ECCE 1113 - Creative Activities for Children	3

ECCE 1121 - Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum*	3
ECCE 2115 - Language and Literacy	3
ECCE 2116 - Math and Science	3
ECCE 2202 - Social Issues and Family Involvement	3
ECCE 2203 - Guidance and Classroom Management (OL)	3
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computers (OL)	3
ECCE 2240 - Early Childhood Care and Education Internship*	12

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

### **PROGRAM COSTS**

Tuition/Fees: \$4,695  
 Books/Supplies: \$1,500  
 Uniform Costs: Approximately \$150  
 Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year  
 Hepatitis B Series: \$80  
 Criminal Background Check: \$25-\$50  
*Uniforms are required beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30 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.

# TOP10 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](http://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](mailto:enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu)!

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