

## *Early Childhood Exceptionalities Certificate (EC41)*

### DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Care and Education Exceptionalities TCC is a sequence of three courses designed to prepare students to work with children with special needs. The program emphasizes an inclusive classroom including strategies and activities for exceptional children (both low and high achieving students). Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including child care centers, Head Start, and Georgia Pre-K programs.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Early Childhood Exceptionalities certificate are prepared to work as child care providers of children with special needs, in school systems in a special needs classroom, with Babies Can't Wait, for families with special needs children, and with children and adults that may be severely or profoundly disabled.

### 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 EXCEPTIONALITIES CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Early Childhood Exceptionalities program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester. To graduate, certificate-seeking students must earn a minimum of 9 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 165 contact hours and generally takes one semester to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
ECCE 2201 – Exceptionalities* (OL)	3
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: \$855  
 Books/Supplies: \$395  
 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 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 Exceptionalities program provides students with an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in a 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 2.5 hours a week in a supervised work setting, for a total of 37.5 hours. For practicum courses, students are evaluated by the lead teacher/director and an early childhood care and education faculty member.

### **Practicum Assignments**

Practicum times will vary depending on the site. Practicum 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](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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