



Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma (ECC2) 53 Credit Hours

Program Description:

The Early Childhood Care and Education diploma program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates of this program will receive one of three areas of specialization: infant/toddler, program administration, paraprofessional/school age. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings. Graduates may find employment as paraprofessionals in public schools; preschool teachers in Head Start, Early Head Start, or private schools; private household childcare workers; or self-employed childcare providers. Starting salary approximately \$33,400.

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<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/early-childhood-care-and-education/>

Pre-Diploma Requirements					
Program Specific					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange GPA 2.0 or higher 					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track					
<i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer; ALL=any semester Prerequisite courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or better</i>					
✓	Grade	Semester 1	S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
		ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	ALL	3	
		MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics	ALL	3	
				12	Program Semester Hours
✓	Grade	Semester 2	S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
		COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy	ALL	3	*CISM 2201 may substitute for COMP 1000
		EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	ALL	2	
		ECCE 1105 Health Safety and Nutrition	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1112 Curriculum Assessment	ALL	3	Prerequisite: ECCE 1103
				11	Program Semester Hours
✓	Grade	Semester 3	S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
		ECCE 1113 Creative Activities for Children	ALL	3	
		ECCE 2202 Social Issues and Family Involvement	ALL	3	
				6	Program Semester Hours

✓	Grade	Semester 4	S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
		ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	FA SP	3	Contact Faculty Advisor to Register Prerequisite: ECCE 1105
		ECCE 2115 Language and Literacy	FA SP	3	Prerequisite: ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2116 Math and Science	ALL	3	Prerequisite: ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2203 Guidance and Classroom Management	FA SP	3	Prerequisite: ECCE 1103
				12	Program Semester Hours
✓	Grade	Semester 5	S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:					
		OPTION 1: (12 credits) ECCE 2245 Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	FA SP	6	Prerequisites: ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103 and ECCE 1105 <i>(Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration)</i>
		ECCE 2246 Early Childhood Care and Education Internship II	FA SP	6	Prerequisites: ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103 and ECCE 1105 <i>(Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration)</i>
				12	Program Semester Hours
		OPTION 2: (12 credits) ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities	FA SP	3	Prerequisite: ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2245 Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	FA SP	6	Prerequisites: ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103 and ECCE 1105 <i>(Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration)</i>
		Choose one course from the list below: ECCE 2310 Paraprofessional Methods and Materials ECCE 2312 Paraprofessional Roles and Practices ECCE 2320 Program Administration and Faculty Management ECCE 2322 Personnel Management ECCE 2330 Infant/Toddler Development ECCE 2332 Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	FA FA SU SU SP SP	3 3 3 3 3 3	
				12	Program Semester Hours
Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising or Faculty Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

Note: If a course is full or unavailable when you to attempt to register, please select an available course from any term listed, given you have satisfied the required pre-requisite.

Employment Opportunities: <https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/>

Financial Aid by Program: <https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Available-Financial-Aid-by-Program.pdf>

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