ECC2: Early Childhood Care/Education Diploma

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 limited basic skills competencies necessary for successful employment.

NOTE: To be employed in childcare centers, public schools, or Head Start centers, an individual must have a satisfactory criminal background check. Persons who have been convicted of a felony offense are not employable in this field. Evidence of a current, satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal records check, as well as a review and evaluation of his or her criminal history records, is required at the student’s expense prior to participation in practicum and internship.

Career Opportunities
Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings. Graduates may find employment as private preschool teachers, household childcare workers, self-employed childcare providers, or Head Start assistants. (Bright from the Start recognizes this degree as equivalent to or greater than a CDA for employment.)

Credit Required for Graduation: Minimum of 53 credit hours

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