



## Early Childhood Care and Education Degree (EC13) 72 Credit Hours

### Program Description:

The Early Childhood Care and Education associate degree 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 may find employment as paraprofessionals in public schools; preschool teachers in Head Start, Early Head Start, or private schools; private household childcare workers; self-employed childcare providers; or other positions in early care and education settings.

Current employees in a childcare center that hold current CDA and CPR/First Aid (infant, child, adult) cards, contact program director for possible course credits.

High School students what have taken ECCE classes and the NOCTI exam, contact program director for possible course credits.

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### Website:

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

### Campus:

Courses may rotate on Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange, and online

### Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track

*Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer; ALL=any semester*

✓	Grade	Semester 1	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1105 Health, Safety and Nutrition	ALL	3	
		COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy	ALL	3	Substitution CISM 2201
		Area I: <b>Choose One</b>	ALL	3	SPCH 1101 is recommended <a href="#">List of area I, II, III, IV Courses<sup>1</sup></a>
				<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
✓	Grade	Semester 2	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ECCE 1112 Curriculum and Assessment	ALL	3	Prerequisite or Corequisite ECCE 1103
		ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	ALL	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1105 *Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration *Must be 18 years old to register for this course
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	
		PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	ALL	3	
				<b>12</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>

<sup>1</sup> <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2025-2026/student-catalog/academic-programs/associate-degrees>

✓	Grade	Semester 3	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ECCE 1113 Creative Activities for Children	ALL	3	
		ECCE 2202 Social Issues and Family Involvement	ALL	3	
<b>Choose One Math Course:</b>					
		MATH 1111 College Algebra	ALL	3	Substitution MATH 1101
		MATH 1103 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	FA, SP	3	
<b>Choose One Area IV Course:</b>					
		ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation	ALL	3	
		MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation	ALL	3	
		THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation	ALL	3	
		HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		RELG 1101 World Religion	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2110 World Literature	SP	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2130 American Literature	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2310 English Literature	SP	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
				<b>12</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
✓	Grade	Semester 4	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ECCE 2115 Language and Literacy	FA, SP	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2116 Math and Science	ALL	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities	FA, SP	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		Additional 3 hours from Area I, II, III, or IV	ALL	3	<a href="#">List of area I, II, III, IV Courses<sup>2</sup></a>
				<b>12</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
✓	Grade	Semester 5	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ECCE 2203 Guidance and Classroom Management	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>
<b>Choose One Specialization:</b>					
<b>Paraprofessional Administration</b>					
		ECCE 2310 Paraprofessional Methods and Materials	FA	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		<b>-AND-</b>			
		ECCE 2312 Paraprofessional Roles and Practices	FA	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
<b>Infant/Toddler Development</b>					
		ECCE 2330 Infant/Toddler Development	SP	3	
		<b>-AND-</b>			
		ECCE 2332 Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	SP	3	
<b>Program Administration</b>					
		ECCE 2320 Program Administration and Facility Management	SU	3	
		<b>-AND-</b>			
		ECCE 2322 Personnel Management	SU	3	
				<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>

<sup>2</sup> <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2025-2026/student-catalog/academic-programs/associate-degrees>

✓	Grade	Semester 6	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
<b>Choose One: Internship II <u>OR</u> Additional Specialization (may not duplicate previous courses)</b>					
		ECCE 2246 Early Childhood Care and Education Internship II	FA, SP	6	Prerequisite ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103 and ECCE 1105 <i>*Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration</i>
<b>Paraprofessional Administration (may not duplicate previous courses)</b>					
		ECCE 2310 Paraprofessional Methods and Materials	FA	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		<b>-AND-</b>			
		ECCE 2312 Paraprofessional Roles and Practices	FA	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
<b>Infant/Toddler Development (may not duplicate previous courses)</b>					
		ECCE 2330 Infant/Toddler Development	SP	3	
		<b>-AND-</b>			
		ECCE 2332 Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	SP	3	
<b>Program Administration (may not duplicate previous courses)</b>					
		ECCE 2320 Program Administration and Facility Management	SU	3	
		<b>-AND-</b>			
		ECCE 2322 Personnel Management	SU	3	
				<b>6</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
Always check online <a href="https://www.westgatech.edu/">https://www.westgatech.edu/</a> 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 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/financial-aid/types-of-aid/>

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