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 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.

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Pre-Degree Requirements
Program Specific
• Current employees in a childcare center that hold a current CDA and CPR/First Aid (infant, child adult) card, contact program chair for possible course credits.   • High School students what have taken ECE classes and the NOCTI exam, contact program chair for possible course credits.   • Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange and Online   • GPA 2.0 or higher

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
Prerequisite courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or better

✓	Grade	Semester 1	S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	ALL	3	
		Area I: Choose any 3 credits from Area I **(SPCH 1101 is recommended)**		3	List of area I, II, III, IV Courses
		MATH 1111 College Algebra	ALL	3	
				15	**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
		PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1105 Health Safety and Nutrition	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1112 Curriculum Assessment	ALL	3	**Prerequisite/ Corequisite:** ECCE 1103
		Choose One: Area IV (3)			

			S	CR	Prerequisites & Notes
		ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities RELG 1101 World Religion ENGL 2110 World Literature ENGL 2130 American Literature ENGL 2310 English Literature	ALL	3	 ENGL 1101 ENGL 1101 ENGL 1101 ENGL 1101 ENGL 1101
				15	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 3**	**S**	**CR**	**Prerequisites & Notes**
		Additional 3 hours from Area I, II, III or IV	ALL	3	[List of area I, II, III, IV Courses](#)
		ECCE 1113 Creative Activities for Children	ALL	3	
		ECCE 2202 Social Issues and Family Involvement	ALL	3	
				9	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 4**	**S**	**CR**	**Prerequisites & Notes**
		ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	FA SP	3	**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 2201 Exceptionalities	FA SP	3	**Prerequisite:** ECCE 1103
				12	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 5**	**S**	**CR**	**Prerequisites & Notes**
		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 *(Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration)*
		CHOOSE SPECIALIZATION:			
		Infant/Toddler Development: ECCE 2330 Infant/Toddler Development -AND- ECCE 2332 Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	SP	6	
		Program Administration: ECCE 2320 Program Administration and Facility Management -AND- ECCE 2322 Personnel Management	SU	6	
		Paraprofessional Specialization: ECCE 2310 Paraprofessional Methods and Materials -AND- ECCE 2312 Paraprofessional Roles and practices	FA	6	**Prerequisite:** ECCE 1103
				15	**Program Semester Hours**
✓	**Grade**	**Semester 6**	**S**	**CR**	**Prerequisites & Notes**
		ECCE 2246 Early Childhood Care and Education Internship II *(Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration)* **OR** Choose One of the following Specializations: *(Cannot duplicate Previous courses)*	FA SP	6	**Prerequisites**: ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103 and ECCE 1105
		CHOOSE SPECIALIZATION: (may not duplicate previous courses)			
		Infant/Toddler Development: ECCE 2330 Infant/Toddler Development -AND-	SP	6	

		ECCE 2332 Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum			
		Program Administration: ECCE 2320 Program Administration and Facility Management -AND- ECCE 2322 Personnel Management	SU	6	
		Paraprofessional Specialization: ECCE 2310 Paraprofessional Methods and Materials -AND- ECCE 2312 Paraprofessional Roles and practices	FA	6	**Prerequisite:** ECCE 1103
				6	**Program Semester Hours**
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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/WGTC-Available-Aid-By-Program-11-17-2023.pdf