



## 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 have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings. Graduates may find employment as preschool teachers in Head Start, Early Head Start, or private preschools; private household childcare workers; or self-employed childcare providers.

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.

### Contact:

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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	
		ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English	ALL	3	
				<b>12</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 Assessment	ALL	3	Prerequisite/Corequisite ECCE 1103
		ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	FA, SP	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1105 *Contact ECCE faculty advisor to request registration *Must be 18 years old to register for this course
		COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy	ALL	3	Substitution CISM 2201
		MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics	ALL	3	
				<b>12</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
✓	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>6</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 2203 Guidance and Classroom Management	FA, SP	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		EMPL 1000 Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development	ALL	2	
				<b>11</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
✓	Grade	Semester 5	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisite must be passed with a "C" or higher
<b>Choose One of the Following Options for Semester 5:</b>					
<b>Option 1</b>					
		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>
				<b>12</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
<b>Option 2</b>					
		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>
<b>Choose One ECCE Course:</b>					
		<b>Choose one course from the list below:</b> ECCE 2310 Paraprofessional Methods and Materials	FA	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2312 Paraprofessional Roles and Practices	FA	3	Prerequisite ECCE 1103
		ECCE 2320 Program Administration and Faculty Management	SU	3	
		ECCE 2322 Personnel Management	SU	3	
		ECCE 2330 Infant/Toddler Development	SP	3	
		ECCE 2332 Infant/Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	SP	3	
				<b>12</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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