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The Early Childhood Education program at Cincinnati State prepares graduates for employment in a variety of early childhood settings. Students who complete the program earn an Associate of Applied Science degree, and are eligible to apply for the Pre-Kindergarten Associate Teacher License offered by the Ohio Department of Education. This program allows graduates to move directly into related employment opportunities or to transition to a bachelor's degree program in a related course of study.

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All degree-seeking students must complete a First Year Experience (FYE) course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State.

Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	0	3
EDU 105	Introduction to Education	3	0	3
MAT 111	Business Mathematics	2	2	3
ECE 145	The Developing Child	3	0	3
ECE 155	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Childhood	3	0	3
ECE 175	Family, Community, and Schools	3	0	3
Semester 2				
ENG 10X English Composition Elective				3
EDU 110	Educational Technology	2	2	3
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
ECE 160	Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood Education	2	0	2
ECE 165	Emergent Literacy	3	0	3
ECE 180	Infant and Toddler Environments	3	3	4
Semester 3				
ECE 185	Creative Learning Environments	4	0	4
EDU 200	Individuals with Exceptionalities	3	0	3
ECE 215	Classroom Management and Guidance	3	0	3
ECE 220	Preschool and School Age Environments	3	3	4
XXX XXX Science Elective				4
Semester 4				
COMM 1XX Communication Elective				3
EDU 210	Learning in Childhood	3	0	3
ECE 230	Administration and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE 290	Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education	1	14	2
XXX XXX Humanities Elective				3
Total Credits:		50	24	68

Electives

English Elective

ENG 102	English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues	3
ENG 103	English Composition 2: Topics in Literature	3

Science Elective

BIO 111	Biology: Unity of Life	4
EVS 110	Environmental Science: Conservation and Cleanup	4
EVS 120	Environmental Geology	4
EVS 130	Environmental Science: Ecology and Ecosystems	4
PSC 105	Astronomy	4
PSC 110	Earth Science	4

Humanities Elective

ART 110	Introduction to Art	3
ART 111	Art History: Ancient to Medieval Periods	3
ART 112	Art History: Renaissance to the Present	3
ART 130	Photography	3
ART 141	Drawing 1	3
ART 150	Watercolor	3
ART 161	Sculpture 1	3
MUS 101	Music History: Middle Ages to Late 19th Century	3
MUS 102	Music History: 20th Century	3
MUS 105	Music History: African-American Music	3
MUS 110	Jazz Appreciation	3
MUS 115	Rock and Pop Music	3

Courses

ECE 145 The Developing Child

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on growth and development of children from birth through adolescence. Topics include: characteristics and needs of children for physical, cognitive, language, social, and emotional growth and development, and theories of early childhood care.

Prerequisites: AFL 085 or appropriate placement test score

ECE 155 Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Childhood

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on concepts and techniques for managing health, safety, and nutrition in child care settings serving infants through school age children. Topics include: childhood communicable diseases, and USDA food requirements.

Prerequisites: AFL 085 or appropriate placement test score

ECE 160 Assessment and Observation in Early Childhood Education

2 Credits. 2 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on strategic and purposeful techniques for observing, recording, and assessing the progress of children from infants to school age.

Prerequisites: ECE 150

ECE 165 Emergent Literacy

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on growth and development of oral language from birth to school age. Topics include: the study of reading and writing, the teacher's role in promoting early literacy, and phonemic awareness. This course meets Ohio benchmark standards for reading and writing.

Prerequisites: ECE 150

ECE 175 Family, Community, and Schools

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on concepts and techniques for parent/teacher collaboration. Topics include: effective communication among parents, teachers, and other professionals for enhancing child development, maintaining positive relationships, and working with diverse family units.

Prerequisites: AFL 085 or appropriate placement test score

ECE 180 Infant and Toddler Environments**4 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.**

A course on concepts and techniques for care and nurturing of infants and toddlers. Topics include: promoting growth and development, classroom management, and developmentally appropriate practice. Students spend three hours per week in an early childhood care setting.

Prerequisites: ECE 145, EDU 105

ECE 185 Creative Learning Environments**4 Credits. 4 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.**

A course on creating learning experiences for young children. Topics include: art, music, social studies, math, and science curricula; indoor and outdoor play; and selecting developmentally appropriate materials and equipment.

Prerequisites: ECE 150

ECE 198 First Year Special Topics in Early Child Care Education**1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.**

A course on selected topics related to Early Child Care Education, which gives students opportunities to study information not currently covered in other courses. Grades issued are A, B, C, D, or F.

Prerequisites: Vary by section

ECE 199 First Year Independent Project in Early Child Care Education**1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.**

A project related to Early Child Care Education that is completed by one or more students to meet specific educational goals. Projects must have prior approval and supervision by Early Child Care Education faculty. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: Vary by section

ECE 215 Classroom Management and Guidance**3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.**

A course on concepts and techniques for designing educational programs and implementing developmentally appropriate practice for children from birth to age eight.

Prerequisites: ECE 145

ECE 220 Preschool and School Age Environments**4 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.**

A course on concepts, techniques, and educational theories for teaching preschool and school-age children. Topics include: promoting growth and development, classroom management, and developmentally appropriate practice. Students spend three hours per week in a pre-school or school setting.

Prerequisites: ECE 180

ECE 230 Administration and Leadership in Early Childhood Education**3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.**

A course on organizing, operating and managing child care facilities and family care homes. Topics include: licensing requirements, record keeping, budgeting, working with staff and parents, team building, and resolving conflicts.

Prerequisites: ECE 220

ECE 290 Student Teaching in Early Childhood Education**2 Credits. 1 Lecture Hour. 14 Lab Hours.**

Students spend a minimum of 14 hours per week in a supervised student teaching experience in an approved early childhood care/education setting.

Students must prepare a professional portfolio. Placement settings should be accredited or meet requirements for Step Up To Quality level 2, and serve culturally, linguistically, and socio-economically diverse student populations.

Prerequisites: ECE 220 and ECE Program Chair consent

ECE 298 Second Year Special Topics in Early Child Care Education**1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.**

A course on selected topics related to Early Child Care Education, which gives students opportunities to study information not currently covered in other courses. Grades issued are A, B, C, D, or F.

Prerequisites: Vary by section

ECE 299 Second Year Independent Project in Early Child Care Education**1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.**

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Prerequisites: Vary by section