Early Childhood Education

Degrees

Early Childhood Education Courses

**ECE 1404** Introduction to Early Childhood Careers and Fieldwork .......................... 4 Credit Hours

**Equivalent:** ECD 1404

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.
This course explores the various early childhood education settings available, the child development theorists, and developmentally appropriate practices. The course focuses on child growth and learning, developmental stages, types of play, ethics, professionalism, and historical and contemporary key issues in early childhood development. Child Care Licensing regulations for the State of Michigan will be highlighted. The course includes 45 hours of site observation in a variety of childcare programs. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 4

**ECE 1414** Early Childhood Activities and Fieldwork ........................................... 4 Credit Hours

**Equivalent:** ECD 1414

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.
This course places emphasis on teaching methodology and curriculum. It concentrates on the developmentally appropriate practices with children from three to five years of age. It includes concepts of active learning, adult-child interactions, daily routines, classroom arrangement, developing goals and objectives and planning, early learning standards, observation and assessment, team teaching, and parent involvement. Utilization of a holistic, research-based curriculum approach to teaching is emphasized. Students implement a variety of activities with children in an approved childcare setting. Course includes 45 hours of fieldwork in a single, licensed, early childhood education facility. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 4

**ECE 1424** Early Childhood Education Curriculum Content ...................................... 2 Credit Hours

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** ECE 1414
This course concentrates on key developmental indicators of learning for children from three to five years of age. Emphasis is placed on developing goals and objectives; planning for intentional, child-centered teaching; as well as implementing small and large group instruction. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 2

**ECE 1500** Infant and Toddler Curriculum .................................................. 4 Credit Hours

**Equivalent:** ECD 1500

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the various infant/toddler child care settings in the community; formal and informal assessment, brain development, developing appropriate physical environments, planning daily schedules, creating and implementing developmentally appropriate curriculum, health and safety issues and supporting families. Michigan’s Infant/toddler licensing regulations will be featured. Course includes 45 fieldwork hours in a variety of children’s centers. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 4

**ECE 1505** Early Childhood Nutrition, Health and Safety
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**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.
This course focuses on best practices in nutrition, health, and safety for young children, including equipment safety, communicable diseases, nutrition programs, health issues and community resources. Emphasis is placed on establishing and maintaining a healthy, safe early childhood education program, planning nutritious meals and snacks for young children, and educating young children on health, safety and nutrition. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**ECE 1515** Family and Community Connections ............................. 3 Credit Hours

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.
This course focuses on understanding and appreciating the importance of children’s families and communities. Students learn ways to facilitate connections with diverse families and the community. This course will also focus on the role of the early childhood educator as an advocate and how to use advocate action plans. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**ECE 1525** School-age Care and Curriculum .................................... 3 Credit Hours

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.
This course is designed to develop student's skills in planning, implementing, and evaluating developmentally appropriate experiences in children from kindergarten to age eight. Pedagogical skills, curriculum concepts, resource materials are explored. Community involvement, school partnerships and standards for school-age childcare programs are also covered. Course includes 45 hours of fieldwork in a licensed facility with a school-age program (ages 5-12). BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**ECE 2406** Professional Issues in Early Childhood Education and Internship ................................................................. 6 Credit Hours

**Equivalent:** ECD 2406

**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.

**Prerequisite:** ECE 1404 and ECE 1414; and consent of ECE Coordinator.
This course focuses on the professional aspects of early childhood education. In this course, students will work under supervision in a child care facility to gain practical experience. Topics include job readiness, lesson plans, appropriate assessment, ethics, community agencies and advocacy. An internship of 120 hours will be required. Students must have evidence of the following clearances/documents to complete internship:
1) Responsible and suitable character to meet the needs of children - Student statement and/or file review; 2) No history of abuse or neglect of children or the elderly - DHS Central Registry Clearance; 3) No felony record in last 10 years - State of Michigan ICHAT; 4) Mentally, physically, medically, and cognitively able to care for children - Physician's medical clearance and TB test. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 6
ECE 2416  Administration of Early Childhood Education Programs and Internship  .................................................6 Credit Hours
Equivalent: ECD 2416
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
Prerequisite: ECE 1404 and consent of ECE Coordinator.
This course focuses on principles of designing and administering a center-based and home-based child care facility, as well as the ability to work effectively as a director and teacher in a child care program. Topics featured are business proposals, funding, curriculum philosophies, parent and staff policies, financial management, advertising, and parent involvement. An internship of 120 hours will be required. Students must have evidence of the following clearances/documents to complete internship: 1) Responsible and suitable character to meet the needs of children - Student statement and/or file review; 2) No history of abuse or neglect of children or the elderly - DHS Central Registry Clearance; 3) No felony record in last 10 years - State of Michigan ICHAT; 4) Mentally, physically, medically, and cognitively able to care for children - Physician's medical clearance and TB test. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 6

ECE 2450  Educating the 'at Risk' Child in an Early Childhood Environment  .................................................................3 Credit Hours
Equivalent: ECD 2450
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This course provides the student an opportunity to become familiar with the unique needs of teaching the at risk children in an early childhood environment. This population includes children of teen parents, children born addicted to alcohol and/or crack cocaine and children of low-income families. The focus will include characteristics of the at risk population, environmental controls and strategies necessary to adapt curriculum to better facilitate learning. Also addressed will be assessment processes and available community resources to work effectively with parents and young children considered at risk. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

ECE 2806  Independent Studies in Child Development  .........................................................................................6 Credit Hours
Equivalent: ECD 2806
English/ESL Placement: Placement into ENG 1510.
This course provides students with an intensive hands on experience and opportunity to conduct independent studies and research on a variety of topics in child development. The number of credits selected determines the length and depth of the research or project. The instructor's approval of course of study is required. A maximum of six credits may be earned for these courses. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 6