

Early Childhood Education

Career Studies Certificate

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Length: One semester

Purpose: This curriculum is an introduction to the field, designed to provide entry-level competencies documented by Virginia's Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals. These competencies include health, safety and nutrition, understanding child growth and development, appropriate child observation and assessment, partnering with families and community, learning environment, effective interactions, program management, teacher qualifications and professional development curriculum.

Program Objectives: Employment opportunities include positions in childcare centers, Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms, family day care homes, preschool programs, centers for children with special needs, residential childcare facilities and industry associated centers.

Admission Requirements: Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to credit-level coursework established by the college.

The following is required in order to be eligible for placement in CHD 165:

- Submission to and no findings for The State of Virginia Criminal History & Sex Offenders Records Check (SP-167) and the Virginia Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry.
- Students must also sign and complete the Sworn Statement or Affirmation for Child Day Programs.
- Documentation of a negative TB screening.

Each student is responsible for any fees or costs associated with background checks. Students are responsible for transportation to and from field sites used for laboratory experiences. Inability to complete the above or contrary results will disqualify the student from completing the course and the program.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
First Semester (Fall)				
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
CHD 145	Creative Activities for Children	3	0	3
CHD 205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3	0	3
EDU 235	Health Safety and Nutritional Education	3	0	3
SDV 101	Orientation to College Success	1	0	1
CHD 165	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood Setting	2	2	3
Total Credits for Career Studies Certificate		15	2	16

Advanced Early Childhood Education

Career Studies Certificate

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Length: One semester

Purpose: This curriculum is designed to build on entry-level skills as demonstrated in the Early Childhood Career Studies Certificate and as documented by the Virginia's for Early Childhood Professionals. These competencies include child health, safety and nutrition, understanding child growth and development, appropriate child observation and assessment, partnering with families and community, learning environment, effective interactions, program management, teacher qualifications and professional development curriculum.

Program Objectives: Employment opportunities include positions in childcare centers, Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms, family day care homes, preschool programs, centers for children with special needs, residential childcare facilities and industry associated centers.

Admission Requirements: Students must complete the Early Childhood Education Career Studies Certificate prior to enrollment in the Advanced Early Childhood Education Career Studies Certificate unless the Program Coordinator grants approval. Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to credit-level coursework established by the college.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
First Semester (Spring)				
CHD 210	Introduction to Exceptional Children	3	0	3
CHD 216	Early Childhood Programs, School, and Social Change	3	0	3
EDU 200	Introduction to teaching as a Profession	3	0	3
CHD 166	Infants and Toddlers Programs	3	0	3
CHD 118	Language Arts for Children	2	2	3
CHD 146	Math, Science and Social Studies for Children	2	2	3
Total Credits for Career Studies Certificate		16	4	18

The AAS degree in [Technical Studies](#) is an available option for students who wish to further their studies following the completion of the Early Childhood and Advanced Early Childhood Education programs.