EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION *ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE* *(ECD D355)*

FCC	LTC	OCC	✓ **WVC**

Child care is in high demand and the need for qualified child care providers is also in high demand. The Early Childhood Development degree program is designed so that graduates meet qualification standards for the full spectrum of child care services and facilities.

Graduates of the program are eligible for entry-level jobs as day care teacher, nursery school teacher, sheltered workshop staff in a work activity, institutional aides for disabled children, and teacher aides for public schools. Also, much of the coursework within the curriculum may be transferable to a four-year college or university.

Applicants to the Early Childhood Development degree program should be aware of the restrictions imposed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services forbidding employment of identified child abuse offenders in this field. Any applicants so identified will not be permitted to enroll in this program.

First Semester   **Credit Hours 16**

ECD	1101	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
ECD	1202	Childhood Teaching Techniques I	4
ECD	1203	Health & Safety of Children	3
ECD	1223	Growth/Development of Children	V3
PSY	1101	General Psychology I[1]* **OR**	
PSY	1103	Business Psychology[1]*	3

Second Semester   **Credit Hours 17**

ECD	1204	Childhood Teaching Techniques II	4
ECD	1205	Curriculum for Young Children	4
ECD	1225	Infant and Toddler Techniques	3
ENG	1201	Communications[1] **OR**	
		English Gen Ed Elective[1]	3
		Math Gen Ed Elective[1]	3

Third Semester   **Credit Hours 16**

ECD	2201	Administering Childhood Facilities	4
ECD	2203	Early Childhood Seminar I	V1
HEC	1101	Nutrition	3
		Psychology Gen Ed Elective[1]	3
		ECD Practicum**	5

Fourth Semester   **Credit Hours 16**

ECD	2205	Early Childhood Seminar II	1
EDU	1114	Educating Exceptional Children	3
EDU	2105	Science in the Elementary School **OR**	
		Science Gen Ed Elective[1]	4
		Humanities Gen Ed Elective[1]	3
		ECD Practicum**	5

Total Credit Hours   **65**

[1] General Education Hours (19)

*This course satisfies the IECC human diversity requirement.

Practicum choices:

ECD	1207	Child Study & Field Observation
ECD	2202	Childhood Teaching Practicum
ECD	2204	Early Childhood Practicum
ECD	2208	Early Childhood Teaching Laboratory II

Psychology Elective: PSY 2109, 2104, or 2111

English Elective: ENG 1111 or 1201

Science Elective: LSC, CHM, or PHY Gen Ed

Math Elective: Any MTH Gen Ed

Humanities Elective: Any Humanities Gen Ed