

EARLY CHILDHOOD

HEGIS: 5503
SUNY CODE: 0605

The Early Childhood program is designed to prepare students for a career in teaching young children. Graduates are prepared to:

- Interact with young children in a professional, supportive and nurturing manner
- Plan and maintain a safe and healthy learning environment
- Design and implement developmentally-appropriate curricula
- Observe and document developmental progress
- Facilitate home-center communication

Students who plan to transfer into four-year teacher preparation programs should major in Liberal Arts and Sciences: Childhood Education, not Early Childhood.

Career Opportunities/Transfer Information

Graduates will be prepared to accept positions ranging from Teacher Assistant to Teacher in Child Day Care Centers, Preschools, Head Start programs and a variety of other early childhood facilities. Students who complete the A.A.S. degree in Early Childhood with a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average, will be guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science degree in Child Care & Development at SUNY Cobleskill with full junior status.

| 1st Semester | | Credits | 1st Year | | Credits |
|---------------|--|----------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| ED 100 | Introduction to Early Childhood Education | 3 | ED 150 | Child Growth and Development OR | |
| EN 111 | English I | 3 | SS 152 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| FS 100 | First Year Student Seminar | 1 | ED 200 | Curriculum and Methods in Teaching | |
| HE 128 | First Aid and Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation | 2 | | Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| HU 110 | Fundamentals of Art in Early Childhood Education | 3 | EN 112 | English II | 3 |
| SS 151 | Introductory Psychology | 3 | EN 117 | Literature for Children | 3 |
| | | | | Mathematics Elective | 3 |
| | | | | Physical Education Activity | 1 |
| | | | Total | 15 | |
| | | | | | Total 16 |

| 3rd Semester | | Credits | 2nd Year | | Credits |
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| ED 221 | Practicum I: Early Childhood | 3 | ED 222 | Practicum II: Early Childhood | 3 |
| EN 228 | Interpersonal Communication | 3 | HU 210 | Fundamentals of Music for Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| SS 161 | Introductory Sociology | 3 | SS 115 | Introduction to Exceptionalities | 3 |
| SS 163 | Marriage and Family Science Elective | 3 | SS 162 | Social Problems | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
| | | | | Physical Education Activity | 1 |
| | | | Total | 18 | |
| | | | | | Total 16 |

*65 Credits Required
for the
Associate in Applied Science Degree*

Degree Requirements:

In order to earn the Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood, students MUST:

- attain a "C" or better in the following courses: ED 100, ED 200, and ED 221;
- demonstrate positive interpersonal skills, professional behavior, ethical behavior and safe and appropriate teaching practices;
- earn a Certificate of Completion for the State Education Department approved workshop entitled "New York State Child Abuse and Maltreatment."

Practicum Requirements (ED 221, ED 222, ED 223/4):

1. Successful completion of ED 100, ED 200 and HE 128.
2. A physical examination and Mantoux TB Immunization performed within six (6) months of the scheduled practicum starting date.
3. Written approval (practicum contract) from both the appropriate Early Childhood faculty member and practicum site supervisor PRIOR to the semester in which the practicum will take place.
4. Students must follow the requirements as outlined in the Early Childhood Practicum Handbook.
5. Students will be required to meet their own travel needs during all practicum assignments.

For more information, contact the Humanities and Social Science Division at (315) 866-0300 or toll free 1-888-GO-4-HCCC, ext. 8200/8430.