

Program Outline

FIRST SEMESTER

- Achieving Academic Excellence
- Beginning English Writing
- Introduction to Computers
- World Geography
- General Education Elective I

SECOND SEMESTER

- English Composition
- College Mathematics
- Basic Biology
- World Civilizations I
- General Education Elective II

THIRD SEMESTER

- Personal Finance
- Business Communications I
- College Algebra
- World Civilizations II
- General Education Elective III

FOURTH SEMESTER

- Essentials of Sociology
- Business Communications II
- Social Impact of Technology
- General Education Electives IV, V

FIFTH SEMESTER

- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Child Development
- Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Guidance and Discipline
- Creative Expression and Play

SIXTH SEMESTER

- Movement and Music
- Early Childhood Literacy
- Art and Creative Development
- Children's Literature
- Early Childhood Math and Science

SEVENTH SEMESTER

- Cultural Diversity
- Exceptional Children
- Curriculum Development
- Advanced Electives I, II

EIGHTH SEMESTER

- Creating Learning Environments
- Home, School and Community
- Advanced Electives III, IV, V

Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education

The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree program is designed to provide students with in-depth instruction in the principles and procedures of supervising and educating children from newborn to age eight. If you are interested in becoming a public school teacher, you must earn a bachelor's degree, which is a prerequisite for a teacher's license. To teach in private schools a license or certification may not be required, but a Bachelor's Degree typically is.

Career Profile

Contribute to the care, education, social development and happiness of infants, toddlers and pre-school children. Depending on where you work you may:

- Teach in the classroom or tutor individuals
- Assist in administration or plan curricula
- Coordinate art projects or engage in storytelling
- Supervise infants
- Consult with parents

Employment Opportunities

With renewed emphasis on kindergarten and first-grade readiness, **employment in child care will continue to grow by 38%*** over the next decade according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Currently the median salary is around \$42,000. Add the fact that 64% of mothers with children between the ages of 1 and 6 years work outside the home and it's easy to see why many opportunities exist in:

- Preschools
- Elementary schools
- After-school programs
- Special education
- Day care facilities
- Tutoring services

What You Need

The prerequisite for this degree is a high school diploma or G.E.D.

What You Get

With each course in this degree program, you'll receive:

- Authoritative textbook and learning guide
- Tutorial assistance
- Online exams
- Convenient online student support

*U.S. Department of Labor, 2009

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