EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Program Description

The Early Childhood Education program prepares individuals for entering occupations in the childcare field. Successful graduates of the technical certificate program will be prepared to take advantage of opportunities such as the following: a classroom assistant in a private childcare center or nursery school; a classroom assistant in a Head Start or public school preschool classroom; a paraprofessional working with children with special needs; or as preparation for continuation of an early childhood education in a four-year institution.

The program combines classroom study and lab experience with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Through this curriculum individuals gain an understanding of the social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth and development of young children. Students will learn to use materials, supplies and equipment found in childcare situations through their classroom and laboratory experiences.

The program length for a full-time student in the Early Childhood Education program is two (2) semesters and two (2) summer terms. The program costs are approximately $5,500 for tuition and fees and approximately $2,900 for books and supplies.

Student Learning Outcomes

Successful completers of this program will be able to:
- Plan a safe, healthy learning environment.
- Advance children's physical and intellectual development.
- Implement positive strategies to support children's social and emotional development.
- Establish productive relationships with families.
- Implement strategies to manage an effective program operation.
- Maintain a commitment to professionalism.
- Be familiar with a variety of observing and recording techniques to document children's development.
- Understand and apply principles of child growth and development.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
(Suggested Schedule)

		Summer II Term	**Credit Hours**
MAT	1203	Technical Mathematics **OR**	3
MAT	2213	**Advanced Industrial Math	
		Fall Semester	
ECED	1071	*Introduction to Practicum	1
ECED	1082	*Practicum I	2
ECED	1053	*Environments in Early Childhood	3
ECED	1063	*Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
HOEC	2153	Tech Child Development	3
HOEC	1113	Tech Curriculum Development for Infants and Toddlers	3
CFA	1103	Tech Computer Fundamentals **OR**	3
CIS	1013	**Introduction to Computer-based Systems	
		Spring Semester	
HOEC	2013	Tech Literacy and Language for Early Childhood	3
HOEC	2073	Tech Child Guidance	3
HOEC	2033	Tech Child Care Practicum II	3
HOEC	2023	Tech Math and Science for Early Childhood	3
COM	1203	Tech Communications **OR**	3
ENGL	1013	Composition I	
ECED	1043	*Development and Curriculum in Early Childhood	3
		*Courses required for Child Development Associate- Certificate of Proficiency (see page 20 of this booklet)	(*12)
		Summer I Term	
HOEC	2143	Tech Childcare Program Planning	3
HOEC	2173	Tech Children with Special Needs	3
		Exit: Early Childhood Education Technical Certificate	**45**

**Required for Associate Degree