

# Early Childhood Education: Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities

## PROGRAM CHAIR

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TCC's Early Childhood Education: Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities program is structured as progressive leading to multiple levels of achievement with three certificates and an Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS) degree, for increasing levels of job responsibility.

This program is designed to develop skills needed to be a successful early childhood professional and is directed toward students planning to work with young children, birth through eight years of age, including those who are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse.

Employment opportunities are in a variety of settings including preschools, childcare centers, family childcare, HeadStart/ ECEAP programs, kindergarten through third grade classrooms (as a teacher assistant), and/or other early learning programs.

NOTE: The practicum and field experience require a criminal background check prior to enrollment in these courses.

## PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the ECE certificate or AAS degree, students will:

- Use their understanding of young children's characteristics and needs, and of multiple interacting influences on children's development and learning, to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for each child.
- Create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families, and to involve all families in their child's development and learning.
- Use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in a responsible way, in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence the development of every child.
- Implement a wide array of developmentally appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning.
- Use their own knowledge and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for every child.
- Use ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice; demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective and critical perspectives on their work and are informed advocates for sound practices and policies.

## ECE Initial Certificate

(12 credits)

The Early Childhood Education Initial Certificate is the first certificate in the series of ECE stackable certificates. This certificate is a pathway to the Early Childhood Education Short Certificate of Specialization, the Early Childhood Education Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities Certificate, and the Early Childhood Education Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities AAS Degree. The certificate is directed toward students working or planning to work with children birth through eight years old. The Early Childhood Education Initial Certificate is aligned with the Washington State ECE common courses and stackable certificates.

*Note: A grade of C or higher is required in all coursework.*

- » ECED& 105..... Intro. to Early Childhood Education (5)
- » ECED& 107..... Health/Safety/Nutrition (5)
- » ECED& 120..... Practicum: Nurturing Relationships (2)

## ECE Short Certificate of Specialization

(8 additional credits = 20 total credits)

The Early Childhood Education Short Certification of Specialization is the second certificate in the series of ECE stackable certificates. This certificate builds on the ECE Initial Certificate and is a pathway to the Early Childhood Education Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities Certificate and the Early Childhood Education Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities AAS Degree. The certificate is directed toward students working or planning to work with children birth through eight years old. The Early Childhood Education Short Certificate of Specialization is aligned with the Washington State ECE common courses and stackable certificates.

*Note: A grade of C or higher is required in all coursework.*

- » ECE Initial Certificate (12)
- » EDUC& 115..... Child Development (5)
- » ECED& 132..... Infant/Toddler Care (3)  
or ECED& 139 ... Administration of ECE (3)  
or EDUC& 130... Guiding Behavior (3)

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### Early Childhood Education: Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities Certificate

(35 additional credits = 55 total credits)

TCC's Early Childhood Education: Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities certificate is the third in the series of ECE stackable certificates. This certificate builds on the ECE Initial Certificate and the Early Childhood Education Short Certificate of Specialization and is a pathway to the Early Childhood Education Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities AAS Degree. It is an academic program designed to develop the skills needed to be a successful early childhood professional and is directed toward students planning to work with children, birth through eight years old, including those who are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. Employment opportunities are in a variety of settings, including: preschools, childcare centers, family early intervention programs (as a teacher assistant), and/or other early learning programs. The Early Childhood Education Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities certificate is aligned with the Washington State ECE common courses and stackable certificates.

*Note: A grade of C or higher is required in all coursework.*

- » ECE Initial Certificate and ECE Short Certificate of Specialization (20)
- » ECED& 160..... Curriculum Development (5)
- » ECED& 170..... Learning Environments (3)  
or EDUC& 130... Guiding Behavior (3)
- » ECED& 180..... Language and Literacy (3)
- » ECED& 190..... Observation and Assessment (3)
- » ECE 290..... Practicum (3)
- » EDUC& 150 ..... Child, Family, Community (3)
- » EDUC& 204 ..... Exceptional Child (5)
- » ENGL& 101 ..... English Composition I (5)
- » MATH& 107 ..... Math in Society (5)  
or MATH& 131... Math for Elementary Teachers I (5)  
or MATH& 132... Math for Elementary Teachers II (5)

### Associate in Applied Sciences Degree

(47-50 additional credits = total 102-105 credits)

Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education: Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities certificate, students may enroll in the following courses to obtain the AAS degree in Early Childhood Education: Emphasis on Children with Exceptionalities.

#### CORE REQUIREMENTS (22-25 CREDITS)

- » BUS 164..... Leadership and Human Relations (5)  
or ECED& 139 ... Administration of ECE (3)  
Admin. of Early Learning Prog. I, II, III
- » CMST& 101 ..... Introduction to Communication (5)
- » CU 105..... Word I, Excel I (5)  
or CU 100 ..... Intro. to Practical Computing (2)  
and CU 102..... Word I (2)
- » ENGL& 102..... Composition II: Argument and Persuasion (5)
- » ECE 102 ..... Math, Science, and Technology for Young Children (3)
- » ECE 130..... Cultural Competency & Responsiveness (2)

#### HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS (10 CREDITS)

Choose two from the following courses:

- » ART& 100 ..... Art Appreciation (5)
- » or ART 180 ..... Art for Elementary Education (5)
- » HUM& 101 ..... Introduction to Humanities (5)
- » MUSC& 105 ..... Music Appreciation (5)  
or MUSC 120..... Music in the Classroom (5)

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS (10 CREDITS)

Choose two from the following courses:

- » ANTH& 100 ..... Survey of Anthropology (5)
- » HIST& 146 or HIST& 147 or HIST& 148 US History I, II, III
- » SOC& 101 ..... Introduction to Sociology (5)
- » SOC& 201 ..... Social Problems (5)

#### NATURAL SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS (5 CREDITS)

Choose one from the following courses:

- » ASTR& 101..... Introduction to Astronomy (5)
- » BIOL& 100..... Survey of Biology (5)
- » BIOL& 175 ..... Biology with Lab (5)
- » BOT 101 ..... General Botany (5)
- » CHEM& 110..... Chemical Concepts with Lab I (5)
- » ENVS& 101 ..... Introduction to Environmental Science (5)
- » GEOG 205 ..... Physical Geography (5)
- » GEOG 210..... Maps, GIS, and the Environment (5)
- » GEOL& 101 ..... Introduction to Physical Geology (5)
- » OCEA& 101..... Introduction to Oceanography (5)
- » SCI 105 ..... Introductory Topics in Natural Science (5)
- » SCI 110..... Physical Science and Technology (5)