

# Early Childhood Education CTS

## Certificate of Technical Studies Degree

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**Program Website (<https://gfcmsu.edu/academic-program/early-childhood-education/>)**

**The Early Childhood Education CTS degree is offered onsite.**

This program is designed to prepare students with the skills needed to be successful working with young children in infant/toddler and early childhood care educational settings.

This stackable credential may lead students directly into the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

For more information on other degrees offered for Early Childhood Education, visit the catalog pages for the Early Childhood Education CAS (<http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/early-childhood-education-cas/>) and Early Childhood Education AAS (<http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/early-childhood-education-aas/>).

## Outcomes

### Graduates are prepared to:

- Know and understand young children's characteristics and needs.
- Know and understand the multiple influences on development and learning.
- Know and understand the importance, central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines.
- Identify and involve themselves with the early childhood field.
- Know about and uphold ethical standards and other professional guidelines.

## Estimated Cost

### Estimated Resident Program Cost\*

Tuition and Fees	\$2,072
Lab/Course Fees	\$35
Books/Supplies	\$462
Total	\$2,511

\* Fall 2025 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums may be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website (<https://gfcmsu.edu/home/current-students/studentengagement/wellness/student-insurance/>) and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates.

## Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Spring</b>			
ECP 100	First Aid and CPR +	1	_____

EDEC 108	Introduction to Early Childhood Education +	3	_____
EDEC 130	Health, Safety & Nutrition in Early Childhood +	4	_____
EDEC 249	Infant/Toddler Development and Group Care +	4	_____
EDEC 251	Montana Preschool Teacher Education +	4	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>	

+ A grade of C- or above is required for graduation.

\* Indicates prerequisites needed.

\*\* Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.